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GRAVE NEWS FROM NANKING.

MANY FOREIGN LIVES LOST.

100 AMERICANS REPORTED MISSING.

JAPANESE CONSUL SAID TO BE KILLED.

GALLANT NAVAL RESCUE.

There is very grave news to-day from Nanking where, in the turmoil created by the taking of the City by the Nationalists' forces, serious incidents, resulting in the loss of foreign lives, have taken place.

The situation is still obscure and full confirmatory reports are awaited, but it is known that a British doctor has been killed, the British Consul-General seriously wounded, numbers of British and American naval men wounded, whilst quite a large number of foreigners, said to include 100 Americans, are still unaccounted for. It is feared that the Japanese Consul-General has been killed.

Most of the casualties arose from the shelling of the city by the attacking Southern forces which are said to have been badly out of hand. They attacked and looted the British Consulate, and it was only as the result of a gallant raid by naval men that the distressed foreigners were eventually evacuated.

Nanking, Mar. 24.

A general retreat of the Shantung forces commenced last night and scenes of indescribable confusion reigned in the rush of masses of troops for the boats crossing the river. Eventually, machine-guns and bombs were brought into use to keep the Chinese transports clear until embarkation arrangements were organised.

The foreigners inside the city were concentrated at the Nanking University in view of the critical situation. Two small groups were isolated.

The Cantonese leader, General Pei Chan-wei, captured the city, but allowed the Northerners to continue their crossing to Pukow.

Big Fire Outbreak.

A large fire started in the region of Hsaikwan at about five o'clock in the morning, but it was got under control by eight o'clock, by which time the Cantonese advance guard had arrived and firing was commenced from both banks of the river. The Cantonese had begun to round up Shantung prisoners at about 9 a.m.

Pamiat Lenina Scuttled.

The Soviet steamer Pamiat Lenina, recently seized by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, was scuttled, and a Chinese transport was sent down the river empty.

In the forenoon, the Cantonese forces got completely out of hand, and the British Consulate was attacked, the British Consul, Bertram Giles, C.M.G., being seriously wounded, while a British doctor, Dr. L. S. Smith, was killed. The Consulate was looted.

Two ratings of the small British guards reached H. M. S. Emerald at about noon.

The remainder of the foreign residents retired to the Standard Oil Hill, where a small American guard was posted, and H. M. S. Wolsey was sent from Wuhu.

The foreigners, concentrated in a building on the Bund, were evacuated.

Foreigners Escaping.

In the afternoon, shortly after three o'clock, foreigners were endeavouring to escape by climbing over the city wall, and the British and American warships, H. M. S. Emerald and H. M. S. Wolsey, and the U. S. S. Noa and U. S. S. Preston, opened gunfire to assist.

Subsequently, both the British and American warships landed blue-jackets and marines to go to the rescue.

H. M. S. Cricket has been sent to Nanking with a merchant convoy.

Later.

The British Consulate was attacked by totally undisciplined soldiers, who are reported to have been been Cantonese. H.M.S. Emerald has requested the despatch of H. M. S. Caradoc to the scene.—*Naval Wireless.*

MORNING'S NEWS.

Two British Demands.

Nanking, Mar. 25, 9 a.m.

Foreign residents have been evacuated after concentrated gunfire over an area not inhabitated by the civil population.

The Southern General Pei Chan-wei sent a a deputation to H. M. S. Emerald, and the deputation was told that the British demands were as follows:—(1) the immediate issue of an order for protection of foreigners, and (2) the provision of an escort of the best Chinese troops to assist in the evacuation of foreigners.

116 Foreigners Missing.

The approximate number of British residents known to have been in the city and who are still unaccounted for is ten. Six British marines are missing. One A. B. is reported to have been killed.

It is reported that 100 Americans, known to have been in the city, are still unaccounted for.

The Japanese Consul is reported to have been killed.

The Cantonese forces were completely out of control from the time of their arrival.—*Naval Wireless.*

The Boats Engaged.

The British warships at present at Nanking, and from which the landing parties were drawn are the cruiser Emerald and the destroyer Wolsey.

H. M. S. Emerald, which was recently detached from the East Indies Cruiser Squadron for service in China, is a cruiser of 7,500 tons, armed with seven 6-inch, three 4-inch anti-aircraft and four 3-pounder guns. According to the Naval List for January of this year, her officers included Captain H. T. England and Commander A. Maitland-Dougall.

H. M. S. Wolsey recently came East with other destroyers of the Mediterranean Command. She is of 1,325 tons and her armament consists of four 4-inch and one 3-inch anti-aircraft guns. The January Naval List gives her commander as Lieutenant-Commander C. J. H. Hill.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK MOVES.

Big Fires Reported.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has left Anking for Nanking, where he is expected to arrive shortly to restore order in the City. He has telegraphed to General Ho Ying-ham and General Lai Shi-wang telling them that Nanking has fallen but that owing to large numbers of urdisciplined and leaderless troops in the city they must take their forces there at once and help to restore order.

Several big fires have broken in Nanking City, following the one in the Hsak-wan district yesterday morning. Later information also indicates that a big fire has taken place at Pukow, on the other side of the river, to which the Shantung troops retreated upon their evacuation of Nanking.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

RESCUES AT NANKING.

Gallant Naval Party.

Shanghai, March 24.

The latest news from Nanking says that a naval rescue party approached the Hill, under renewed fire from the Cantonese, resulting in further foreign casualties, including some Americans.

Ultimately, however, as the result of this heroic effort the remaining foreigners were evacuated.

Dr. L. Satchwell Smith, of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway administration, who was killed, had resided in Nanking for sixteen years, and came from Birmingham. His wife was among the refugees arriving at Shanghai to-day.

Mr. Bertram Giles, the British Consul-General is now reported to be severely wounded. There are probably other British casualties.—*Reuter.*

REFUGEES' STORIES.

Recent Happenings Related.

Bringing the first batch of evacuating missionaries from the Cantonese-menaced city of Nanking, the steamer Shasi of the B. and S. Co. arrived at Shanghai recently and docked off the French Bund. The missionaries included nine women and one man.

The Shasi also brought some 60 other refugees, chiefly from Szechwan and Chungking, acting upon orders from their Consuls to evacuate. According to missionaries from the latter city, the situation there is quiet but is believed to be the lull before the storm.

Defence of City.

The Nanking refugees stated that the streets of that city were thronged with soldiers of the Northern Army and that there were fully 70,000 soldiers there ready to defend the city against the invading Cantonese troops. The soldiers according to one refugee, declared that they would defend the city at any cost and would not permit it to be taken.

A woman missionary from Nanking told of a revolt by approximately 1,700 Northern soldiers in Nanking. They attempted to seize a building where arms and ammunition are stored and were repelled only after sharp fighting in the streets which lasted nearly one hour and resulted in a number of soldiers being killed and scores wounded.

Revolters' Plan.

It was the plan of the revolters, it is believed, to capture the arms depot and turn it over to the Cantonese soldiers. When the attack was made on the depot one soldier threw a hand grenade into a group of civilians, killing five and injuring three, according to reports.

Nanking, it was stated, is filled with spies of the Cantonese Army and daily reports are made to the Cantonese leaders by the spies. Several of the spies have been arrested and executed after a brief trial.

Russian Arrested.

A Russian named Dunovich or Dunovitchsky, said to be in the employ of the Soviet Government, was recently arrested in Nanking by the Military. For a day or two he was confined in the gaol but has since disappeared and there is a great deal of mystery concerning his whereabouts. It is believed, however, that he was removed from the gaol and executed, although the Military would not admit this to be true.

The steamer Shasi had an uneventful trip down the river, it was stated. Although a little crowded the officers of the ship made all passengers comfortable and sleeping quarters were provided for all.

The Refugees.

Following is the list of missionaries arriving from Nanking:

Misses G. E. Leslie, Grace Wasem, Bertha Stark, A. Malone, S. B. Walker, E. E. Mellor and M. F. Parmenter, Mrs. G. H. Malone and Mr. G. H. Malone.

The Szechwan party of refugees was headed by Rev. C. H. Parsons and included Rev. W. Jennings, the Misses Pemberton, Rev. G. T. and Mrs. Denham, Miss Wright, Miss Dix, Dr. Hillier and Rev. Henderson, the latter from Chungking.

PORT RIVALRY ON SCHELDT.

DUTCH CHAMBER REJECTS TREATY.

FEARS FOR ROTTERDAM.

The Hague, Mar. 24.

The First Chamber by 33 votes to 17 has rejected the Belgo-Dutch Treaty, already ratified by both Chambers of the Belgian Parliament and the Dutch Second Chamber.

The Treaty, *inter alia*, gave the port of Antwerp certain advantages on the Scheldt which had aroused keen opposition in Holland, where it was feared that the trade of Rotterdam might be adversely affected.—*Reuter.*

A semi-official statement deplores the Dutch decision, which will make impossible the development and collaboration of Holland and Belgium in international affairs. It says that Belgium will insist on satisfaction for its legitimate claims.—*Reuter.*

FOREIGN SECRETARY HONOURED.

TRIBUTES BY PREMIER.

London, Mar. 24.

A portrait of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, painted by Mr. Isaac Coden, for the Cordwainers' Company with which Sir Austen Chamberlain's family has been associated for practically two centuries, was to-day presented by the Premier in the Cordwainers' Hall.

Mr. Baldwin paid tribute to the work of Sir Austen Chamberlain, as Foreign Secretary. He said that Sir Austen Chamberlain had been privileged to do the greatest work for this country and, as Foreign Minister, he would be remembered for many generations to come. Mr. Baldwin concluded by testifying to the great work of Sir Austen Chamberlain at the League of Nations.—*British Wireless.*

LEITH BY-ELECTION.

LIBERALS RETAIN SEAT.

London, March 24.

The by-election at Leith, to replace Capt. Wedgwood Benn, who recently resigned on joining the Labour Party, resulted as follows:

Mr. Ernest Brown (Liberal)	12,461
Mr. R. F. Wilson (Labour)	12,350
Mr. Beaton (Conservative)	4,607

The Liberals thus retain the seat by the narrow margin of 111 over Labour. The figures at the previous election were: Liberal, 16,569; Labour, 11,250.—*Reuter.*

CANTON STEAMERS.

CREWS' REPORTED DEMANDS ON OWNERS.

According to Chinese reports, the crews of several of the river steamers plying between Hongkong and Canton are making fresh demands on the owners.

It is stated that yesterday notices were served on the owners demanding that a room for social purposes be specially set aside for the crews of each boat, and that a time-limit has been set for compliance with the demand.

As yet, there is no indication as to whether the reported demands will be complied with.

"TONG" WAR.

CHINESE KILLED IN NEW YORK.

New York, Mar. 24.

Deadly warfare between the Chinese "Tongs" flared up to-day at the expiration of a two years' truce between the Hip Sing or On Leon Tongs. Five Chinese are reported to have been killed and three wounded.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ILLEGAL LEVY.

ARREST OF ALLEGED BLACKMAILERS.

TAX ON PORK.

The rise in the cost of living locally is generally regarded as being due to economic causes, but it would appear that in regard to pork, at least, the higher cost has been influenced to a certain extent by the activities of blackmailers who have been "squeezing" importers of meat.

Criminal Investigation Department officials have during the week arrested a number of alleged blackmailers belonging, it is officially stated, to a gang of men who have banded themselves together into an Association for the levying of a tax on importers of pigs.

Complaint Lodged.

Earlier action was delayed because of a voluntary acceptance of the position by those against whom the levy was directed, and it was not until this levy was increased recently to an amount which, it is reckoned, would bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars for the blackmailers, that the various dealers were provoked to take action and report on the development.

A complaint has been laid with the authorities, who are now able to proceed in the matter. With the arrest of the No. 1 man and others of the so-called Association, the police are taking steps, it is understood, against other organisations of a similar nature in this Colony.

Big Monthly Revenue.

Pork forming a large part of the diet of Chinese, the information from dealers that some 400,000 pigs are annually slaughtered and consumed locally is hardly astonishing. What is really surprising is that these dealers have apparently allowed themselves to be intimidated into paying three cents for each pig imported. A simple arithmetical calculation therefore reveals the fact that the members of the "Association," if they have managed to collect the tax on all imported pigs, have been deriving a revenue of about $1,000 per month.

The Levy Raised.

Recently, some of the victims thought of dodging the tribute by diverting the pigs. The "Association" found this out, however, and immediately raised the levy to $3 per head.

Eventually the victims laid the whole business before the police authorities, and arrests followed.

It is noteworthy that the pork cost twice as much now as it did a few years ago, and the period of the rise is said to have synchronised with the existence of the "Association."

BALKAN TENSION.

BRITAIN COUNSELS MODERATION.

London, Mar. 24.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the desire of His Majesty's Government being to remove so far as they could any causes of friction which might exist between the Jugo-Slav and Italian Governments on the subject of Albania, had counselled moderation and conciliation both to Belgrade and Rome and to the representatives of both Governments in London.—*British Wireless.*

MOTOR SPEEDING.

MAJOR SEAGRAVE IN AMERICA.

New York, Mar. 24.

Failing to find a track in England deemed suitable for speeding at 200 miles per hour, Major Seagrave has brought his 1000 horse-power Sunbeam car. He will attempt to attain his aim on the Ocean Speedway course. In a preliminary warming-up he established a new American record of 166½ miles per hour.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GROWING YANGTSE TENSION.

HANKOW AND CHINKIANG EVACUATIONS.

SHANGHAI NOW BECOMING MORE NORMAL.

GRATITUDE TO BRITAIN.

Although to-day's news from Shanghai is much more reassuring, there is an increase in tension at various ports along the Yangtsze. At Hankow, there is fear of a general anti-foreign agitation, and American women and children are being evacuated. At Chinkiang, all the foreign women and children have been removed from their homes and concentrated at the two big oil installations, with destroyers lying alongside to afford protection.

There are no foreign newspapers being published at Hankow, all employees having been forced to go out on strike. There has been a minor clash between British naval ratings and natives at Changsha.

At Shanghai, matters have sufficiently improved for bus and tramcar services to be resumed, the Nationalist Commander's efforts to restore order having, apparently, met with success.

Non-British residents in Shanghai have sent a telegram of gratitude to the British Government for promptly sending out an adequate force of troops to defend the Settlement, without whom it would have shared the fate of Hankow and Kiukiang.

London, Mar. 24.

Press telegrams to-day state that the efforts of General Pai Ching-hsi, the Nationalist Commander, to restore order have met with success.

Complying with his demand, the general strike has been called off while business is being generally resumed, except in the devastated Chapei district. Omnibuses are running and it is stated that the tramway services will be restored this evening.—*British Wireless.*

SHANGHAI'S GRATITUDE.

Foreigners Thank Britain.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Non-British foreigners in Shanghai are widely signing a message to the British Government stating that if British troops had not arrived when they did, "the women and children would have had to be evacuated and the Settlement would probably have shared the fate of Hankow and Kiukiang."

The message expresses appreciation to the British Government "for its prompt and adequate measures for the defence of Shanghai."

Many Americans have signed the message, including Mr. Stirling Fessenden, the American of the Shanghai Municipal Council.—*Reuter.*

MORE HANKOW TENSION.

American Women Leave.

Hankow, Mar. 24.

All American women and children are being evacuated.

The situation is unchanged, but there are rumours of labour organisations forcing anti-foreign agitation to a head.

Troops are proceeding down river.—*Naval Wireless.*

FEARS AT CHINKIANG.

Foreign Homes Left.

Chinkiang, Mar. 24.

All steamers passing Chinkiang are being fired on from both banks of the river.

A demonstration through the Concession was staged this afternoon and the foreign women and children, British and American, were evacuated from their homes and concentrated at their respective installations, with destroyers lying alongside.—*Naval Wireless.*

OTHER YANGTSZE PORTS.

Fracas at Changsha.

Chungking, Mar. 24.

The city remains quiet. The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has left for Hankow.—*Naval Wireless.*

Changsha, Mar. 24.

A slight fracas between natives and men from H.M.S. Woodcock occurred in the city last night. One of the ratings was injured about the head.—*Naval Wireless.*

Wuhu, Mar. 24.

The whole town is plastered with virulent anti-British posters.—*British Wireless.*

NO HANKOW NEWSPAPERS.

Staffs Forced to Strike.

London, Mar. 24.

Replying in the House of Commons to Mr. H. W. Looker, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had received a report from Hankow that the *Central China Post* and also the American-owned paper, the *Hankow Herald*, had been compelled to close down owing to the whole of their staffs being forced to strike.

He did not doubt that His Majesty's representative there would make every proper endeavour to secure protection for this interest.—*Reuter.*

MORE U.S. WARSHIPS.

Cruisers For Shanghai.

Washington, Mar. 24.

At the request of Rear-Admiral Williams, the light cruisers Richmond, Marblehead and Cincinatti have been ordered to Shanghai immediately from Honolulu.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

Possible Changes to Force.

London, Mar. 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. Day (Labour) whether it was at present intended to send any further British troops to Shanghai, Sir L. Worthington-Evans said that the 1st. Devons were at present going to Shanghai from Hongkong.

He was unable to forecast what other changes it might be found necessary to make in the composition of the force at Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

RECOGNISING CANTON.

Britain's Open Attitude.

London, March 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. J. Beckett (Labour) who asked whether, in view of the position in Shanghai, the Government proposed to extend full diplomatic recognition to the Nationalist Government, Mr. Stanley Baldwin pointed out that the Government was continuing to maintain contact with the Nationalist authorities at Hankow through a member of Sir Miles Lampson's diplomatic staff who was detached for residence at Hankow for that purpose. As regards the future, His Majesty's Government would be guided by circumstances. He was unable to forecast what modification, if any, of their attitude might be rendered necessary by the present or future developments.—*Reuter.*

CONTACT IN SHANGHAI.

A Reasonable Commander.

London, Mar. 24.

Asked about the negotiations between the Nationalist Commander in Shanghai and the British authorities, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated in Parliament that the British Counsul-General with his Japanese and French colleagues, the Commissioner of Customs and the Chairman of the Chinese

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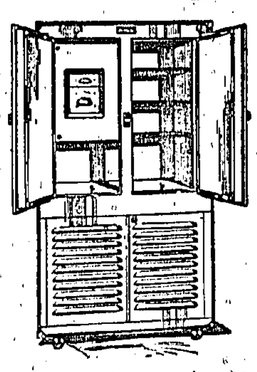

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FOREIGNERS KILLED AT NANKING.

OVERNIGHT MESSAGES.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

According to a wireless message from Nanking, Chinese troops, believed to be Cantonese irregulars, shelled the hill near the north gate of the city where the foreigners are concentrated, killing a Briton, Doctor Smith, and wounding H. B. M.'s Consul, Mr. Giles and another Briton.

H. M. S. Emerald and the U. S. destroyers Noa and Preston shelled the area around the hill to permit of its evacuation after which the vessels landed armed parties.

Further wireless reports state that another Briton was wounded.

British Consulate Looted.

Undisciplined Cantonese troops looted the city. The British Consulate was looted and the American Consul and his staff evacuated the U. S. Consulate, taking refuge on the hill.

Later.

A number of Americans also were killed at Nanking by the shelling and some were wounded. —*Reuter.*

Mr. Bertram Giles is one of the best known of H. B. M. Consuls in China. He was born in Hankow, son of Prof. H. A. Giles. He came out again from home as student interpreter in 1895 and has served at a number of ports. In 1924 he was Consul General at Canton.

A Surprising Victory.

Great surprise is expressed at the apparent bloodlessness of the Southern victory at Nanking, in view of the thousands of Northern troops who have been pouring in for weeks past, estimated to total 100,000.

Most of the foreign naval and military experts had been of opinion that the city could hold out indefinitely, but yesterday the Northerners began a big exodus back across the river before the Southerners entered. This is regarded as significant. The explanation is that the surrender is the result of an "arrangement" between Chiang kai-shek and Chang Tsung-chang.

Place in Flames.

The blaze of fires which marks the retreat of all Chinese armies lit the sky last night, and this morning the Southerners entered the city.

The Northerners' flight across the river is described as most hurried and very disorderly. Commandeering all the available craft, they fled across the mile wide and swift-flowing river. Looting accompanied the retreat, although it was limited by haste.

A Brutal Regime.

Foreigners who left Nanking prior to its fall describe the Shantung occupation as brutal in the extreme, with constant looting and raping. The foreigners still in the city are concentrated in one spot for protection, and H. M. S. Emerald is standing by.

The Northerners have similarly retreated from Chinkiang, which the Southerners occupied this morning.

The Standard Oil steamer Meian yesterday was fired on at Kiangying, the first fort up the Yangtsze, and later was fired on by Northerners at Chinkiang prior to their retreat.

The Meian was forced to return to Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

British Policy.

London, March 24.

The official verbatim report of Lord Desborough's speech in the House of Lords on the 23rd inst. in reference to China referred at the outset to a statement of British policy in China made on December 18 calling other parties to the Washington Treaty to combine with Britain in trying to come to some arrangement with China on very liberal lines. "Unfortunately it was found impossible to proceed," it says. "It was very difficult to get eleven different nations to agree on one course of policy and there the matter remains.

"The British Government then took more active steps on its own behalf and addressed specified proposals on January 27 to Peking and Hankow with the object of making an arrangement on various questions outstanding. That declaration of policy and these offers were productive of some result for at Hankow an arrangement was reached, the terms of which are still open for Eugene Chen to whom this was addressed, to make an arrangement of a similar kind at Shanghai and we only hope it may have that result. At the present time the whole of China is in such a state of disintegration that I suppose the hands of Mr. Chen are very fully occupied. The Government still hope that some arrangement on the liberal lines they proposed then may be come to."—*Reuter.*

American Attitude.

Washington, Mar. 24.

The failure by the American Consul General at Shanghai to participate in discussions with Pei Chun-hsi is not construed as indicting American unwillingness to deal with the *de facto* authorities.

It is recalled that on the contrary Mr. Kellogg some weeks ago proposed the elimination of Shanghai from the zone of hostilities, but the warring leaders did not respond.—*Reuter's American Service.*

American Reinforcements.

The U. S. destroyers Phillsbury, Ford and Perry have been ordered to Shanghai immediately. —*Reuter.*

Reds and White.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

The decision to call off the strike comes as a result of pressure by Pai Chung-hsi, as mentioned yesterday. However, at noon to-day the mill workers, tramway men, railwaymen, post office employees and Customs men were still out. Only a few hundred seamen returned.

What promises to be a big struggle between the moderates and communists has begun at Shanghai. Well organised, and backed as they are by a political bureau, the communists are in a strong position, and it seems doubtful whether Pai Chung-hsi will be able to control them.

Following Hankow Methods.

They are already adopting the Hankow methods as regards organisation of demonstrations.

Yesterday a huge demonstration was whipped up in Chapei with the object of adopting "anti-Imperialist" resolutions. These demand, *inter alia*, that the Nationalist Government obtain the return of the International Settlements and French Concession in Shanghai, and the withdrawal of the troops and warships.

Wild Flights of Fancy.

The organisers of the demonstration arranged a procession and distributed a manifesto and handbills. The former alleges that the British are really responsible for the sacking, burning and murders in Chapei, because had they not given refuge to the Shantung General Pi Shou-chen the latter would have been able to order the Shantung troops to keep quiet.

In connexion with this shameful and hurtful allegation, the facts are, firstly, that the Settlement authorities could not refuse entrance to Pi Shou-chen, who was unarmed and "retired." They have always admitted unarmed men.

Secondly, British officials and soldiers, namely the Consul General, Sir Sidney Barton, the Commissioner, *Major Hilton Johnson*, Viscount Gort, and Colonel Heywood, all risked their lives in order to bring about a stoppage of the sacking of Chapei. The object of Sir Sidney Barton's and Viscount Gort's mission to Chapei, besides that mentioned previously, was the same as Major Johnson's and Colonel Heywood's. Nevertheless, thanks to communist propaganda, tens of thousands of Chinese to-day regard the British as more or less responsible for the happenings in Chapei.—*Reuter.*

Council's Manifesto Criticised.

London, Mar. 24.

The *Daily News* describes the Municipal Council's manifesto as a negative statement by a body which at last became articulate without saying anything in particular. The Council must realise that it cannot keep an army of nearly 20,000 standing permanently under arms in order to maintain permanently an armed truce.

If the Council refuses to frame a policy or make a conciliatory move the Treaty Powers and Governments, whether they like it or not will be compelled to sink their diplomatic suspicions and jealousies and act directly and together

Immediate Change not Advisable.

The *Daily Telegraph* is of the opinion that in view of the chaotic circumstances in Shanghai there is plain wisdom in the argument advanced in the Municipal Council's manifesto against a drastic change in the administration of the settlement at the present time.

The paper thinks that the error which was made in Hankow in immediately negotiating with the Cantonese before calm was restored should not be repeated in Shanghai. All available evidence suggests that the Hankow agreement is completely worthless as a guarantee of security and fair treatment for British nationals.—*Reuter.*

The Curfew.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

The Shanghai Municipal Council to-night issued a proclamation requiring residents to remain indoors between ten at night and four in the morning.—*Reuter.*

SUNNING PIRATES.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

One of the last stages of the Sunning piracy was reached yesterday when the two men undergoing trial at the Criminal Sessions were found guilty and sentenced to death. It may be recalled that both men were injured and were unable to take their trial with the others owing to their detention in hospital.

Passing sentence of death Mr. J. R. Wood, the acting Chief Justice said he was satisfied with the verdict of the jury as it had been proved that they were members of the pirate gang.

At the afternoon hearing Mr. C. G. Alabaster addressed the jury on behalf of the two prisoners and Mr. H. K. Holmes on behalf of the Crown. After the summing up by His Lordship the jury retired for a short interval, finding both men guilty.

Scar Which Was Not Seen.

Mr. Alabaster, speaking in regard to the first prisoner, said the evidence against him was almost as weak as it could be. The man had an old scar and yet none of the many witnesses available to the Police had seen it. It was entirely unsafe to convict the man on uncorroborated evidence of identification. The prisoner was known to be a man who, in 1926, had been one of a party of Chinese troops who had taken anti-piracy action and had killed some of the pirate gang.

With regard to the second prisoner the evidence was not so overwhelming as it might appear at first sight. From the evidence, the man appeared to have been all over the ship and the mere fact of him lying wounded on the deck may have given the impression that he was one of the pirates.

Mr. Holmes briefly reviewed the evidence, calling the jury's attention to the evidence of identification given by various witnesses.

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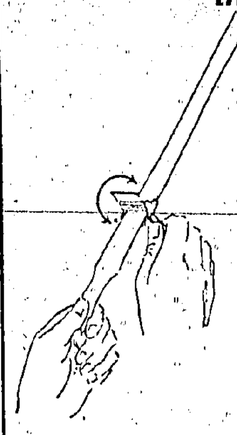

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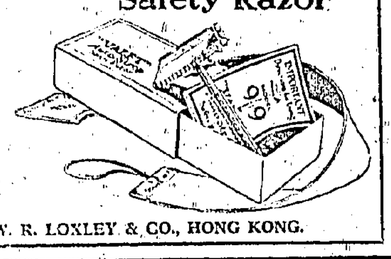

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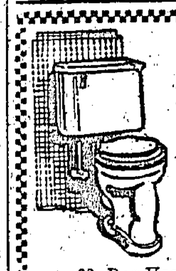

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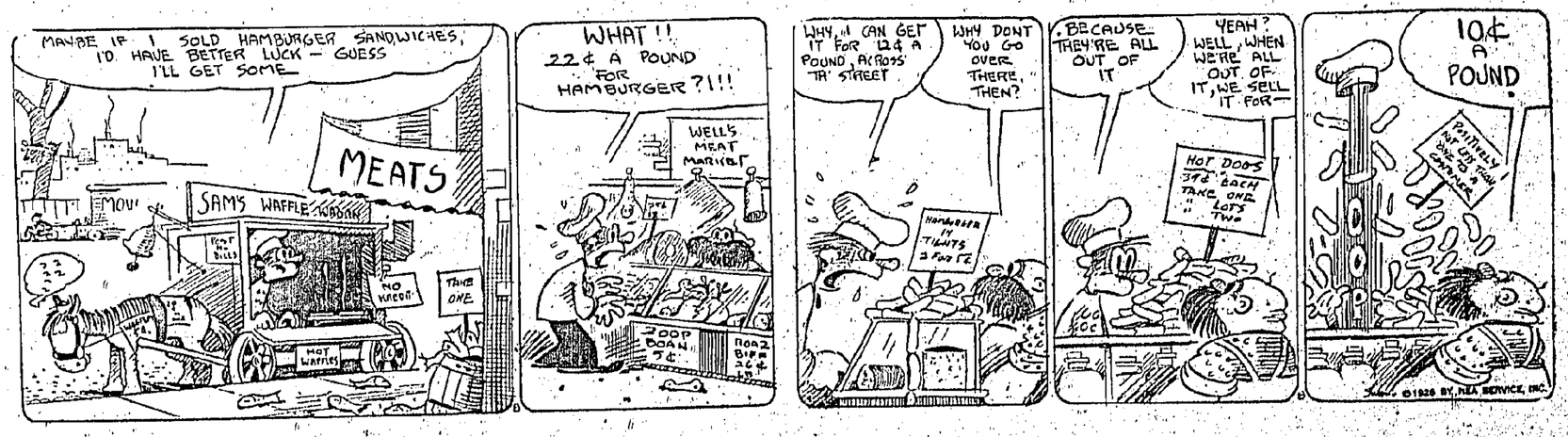
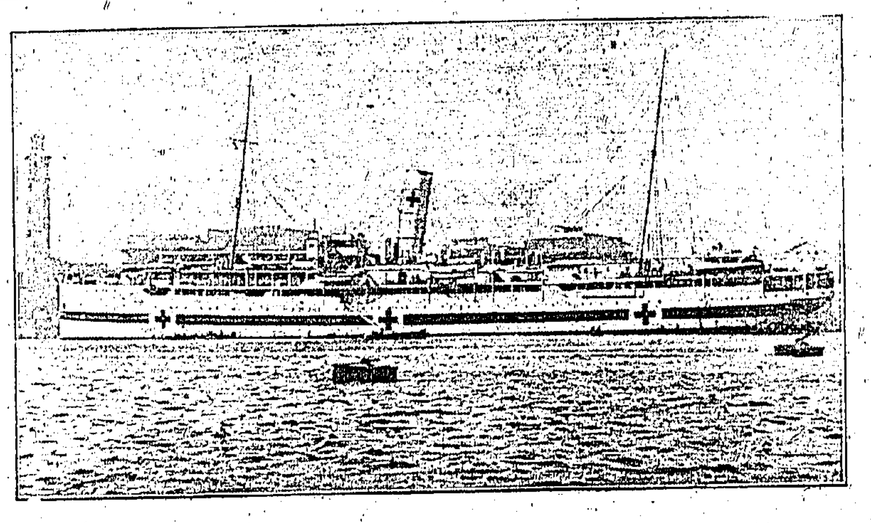


WEDDING RECEPTION AT THE MAJESTIC HOTEL.—Group taken at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, after the wedding at the Ohel Rachel Synagogue of Mr. Boris Iochvidoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Iochvidoff, and Miss Vera Shapitric, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shapitric. The bride was attended by Miss Poreloman and Miss Parboni and the best man was Mr. Sam Iochvidoff, brother of the bridegroom.

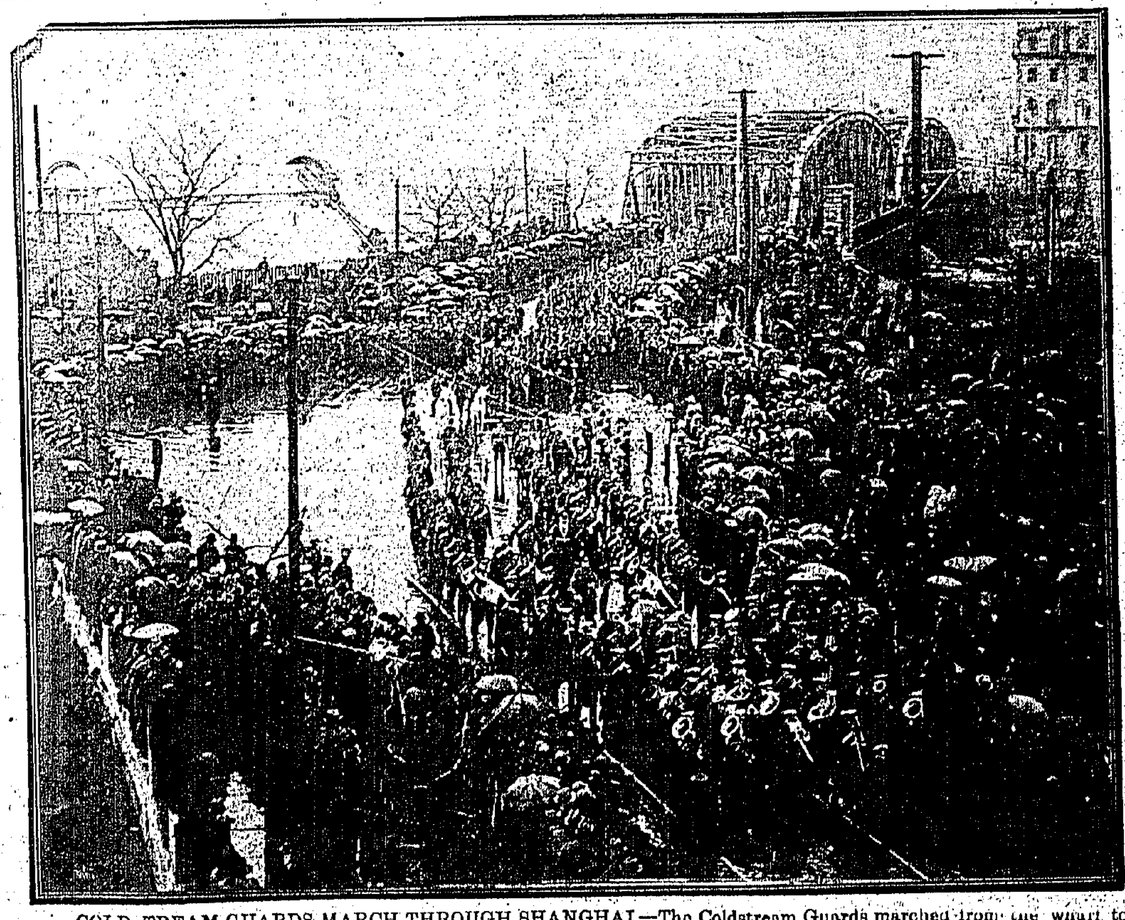
NEW AMERICAN OPERA.—Deems Taylor (centre) wrote the music, Edna St. Vincent Millay (right) is author of the book, and Edward Johnson (left) is to star in "The King's Henchman," the new American opera at the Metropolitan in New York. Musical America was awaiting the premiere with interest.

CHAMPION POLE VAULTER.—Pictured above is Sabin Carr, Yale's great athlete, and indoor world's champion pole vaulter, who cleared the bars at the recent New York Athletic Club meet, for a record-smashing jump. The height was 13 feet 9¼ inches. It was a full inch higher than the mark of Charley Hoff, Norweigan pole vaulter.



HOSPITAL SHIP.—Above is the Hospital Ship "Maine," sent to the Far East in connextion with the crisis in China, which is now in Hongkong Harbour.

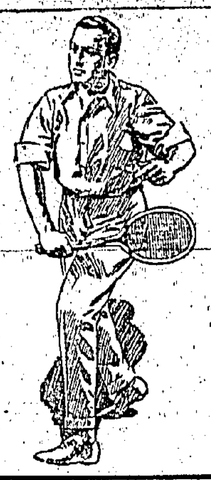
NATIONAL LEAGUE.—The American National League club owners recently met at a New York hotel to approve the playing schedule for the coming season. Seated (left to right); Fuchs, of Boston; Herrman, of Cincinnati; Broadon, of St. Louis; President Heydler; Walter Friedlander, and Yorke and Robinson, of Brooklyn. Standing; Tiernay, of New York; Giellandau, of Brooklyn; Stoneham, of New York; Widrig, of Cincinnati; Veeck, of Chicago; McQuade, of New York; Ruck, of Philadelphia; Dreyfuss, of Pittsburgh, and Baker, of Philadelphia.



COLDSTREAM GUARDS MARCH THROUGH SHANGHAI.—The Coldstream Guards marched from the wharf to their billets at Shanghai, but, despite the rain, the streets were lined with people anxious to see this famous regiment. Our picture shows the battalion marching past the saluting base on the Bund, where Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces there, took the salute.

PAYS RESPECTS.—Henry Ford leaving the White House after paying his respects to the President. A dinner given by Secretary of the Interior Work at the Pan-American Union brought the motor magnate to the capital.

TENNIS SHIRTS



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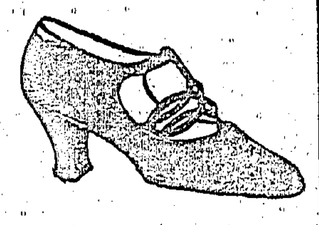

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Monday, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year end d the 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
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Hongkong, 7th March, 1927.

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Hongkong, March 17, 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 26th March, 1927, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.50 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1.- for all persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at $5.- each up to Friday 25th March.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2.- Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

CLUB LUSITANO.

CIRCULAR.

A Comissao Directora do Club Lusitano tem a honra de convidar os Exmo. Srs. Socios e suas Exmas. familias das seguintes instituicoes: Club de Recreio, Associacao Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos, Club Lusitano, os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa e os amigos do Exmo. Snr. Dr. Jose Caetano Soares, para assistirem a recepcao (cha e dansa) que tera longar na Sexta-feira, 25 do corrente, as 17.30, na sala "Luiz de Camoes," em honra do Exmo. Snr. Dr. Jose Caetano Soares e sua Exma. Esposa.

E. D. DA ROZA,
O Secretario.
Hongkong, 22 de Marco de 1927.

NAVY LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the above will be held on Tuesday, 29th Inst. at 5.30 p.m. in the boardrooom of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the report of the Committee and statement of Accounts for the past year.
(2) To elect the officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(3) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 23, 1927.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

THE 38th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 22nd March, 1927, until Wednesday, the 30th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1927.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-second Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 18th. day of March, to Monday, the 28th. day of March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

John D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th. March, 1927.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road C., Hongkong, on 31st March, 1927, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 31st March, 1927, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1927.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 29th March, 1927, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1927, (both days inclusive).

By Order,
of the Board of Directors
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1927.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Executive Members and Consulting Members of the Racing Committee of the International Race Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., (I.R.R.C.) shall be held, for the purpose of arranging the coming Race Meeting on Friday, the 25th March, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. at Kom Hong Hall, 7, Lower Castle Road Hongkong.

Members of the said Committee are requested to attend the above mentioned Meeting.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.
Macau, 22 March, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on Saturday, 26th March, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 17th to the 26th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order,
of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1927.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 31st March, 1927,
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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, Mar. 24, 1927.

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Many notable personalities, most of them now dead, are mentioned. The publishers sent out the book with a notification to the effect that they hold a certificate from the author that the contents of the book are true.

Originally "Belle" was found, a castaway baby, at Emporia, Kansas, and it was because of the refusal of her adopted father to let her tour without the protection which marriage affords, that she casually took a husband—she has had three since, including a count and a millionaire.

"Shoot, Kid."

This occurred at Saginaw, Michigan, and the proposal must be one of the most novel on record:—

Me: Say, will you do me a favour?

Man: Sure thing if it's possible.

Me: Oh! It's possible all right.

Man: Then shoot, kid—or words to the same effect.

Me: Will you marry me?

Man (gasp): When?

Me: At once.

Her husband travelled back on the same train as her father, and she did not meet him again until she was a "show girl" on the New York stage, famed for her perfect proportions. He obligingly gave her divorce, and later left her the fortune with which she set out to conquer London.

At Sandow she received a "tip" from King Edward, then Prince of Wales. She was introduced by Sir William Beresford, of whom the Prince asked: "What horses are you backing, Beresford?" The latter replied, "Ocean Rover."

Then the Prince, with a twinkle in his eye, while no doubt thinking of the democratic handshake I had given him while I had tried to curtsey as well, said: "You should play that horse also because you are one."

On a later occasion she was present at a dinner party at which King Edward was a guest, and she expresses the opinion that he never laughed more than on that occasion.

I had to content myself telling him my most Lincoln-like stories, which he must have liked, for shortly after this, when the Duchess of Manchester gave a small supper for the King, I was asked to come and tell some more stories.

At 50, the author, who has known the heights of luxurious living and the depths of poverty, still confesses to the joy of life. "The real fun," she promises, "will be in Volume II. I haven't begun to live yet, but I know I'm going to."

A copy of the first edition of the Rubaiyat has been sold in New York for £640. Edward Fitzgerald's famous translation, or rather paraphrase, was first published in 1859. Some little time after copies were sold at a penny each. People take little care of anything—books included—they have obtained for next to nothing, hence it is not surprising that copies of the first edition of the Rubaiyat are scarce. If there are any in our libraries, as probably there are, they ought to be kept under lock and key. Or they might be sold, and the proceeds devoted to the purchase of new books. For the ordinary reader a reprint of the Rubaiyat is good enough.

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From	Per	Due
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Saigon	Paul Lecat	March 29.
Shanghai	Malwa	March 31.
24.)	Macedonia	April 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	April 3.
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Australia and Manila	Antenor	April 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	April 8.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Amoy	Kutsang	Fri., Mar. 25, 5 p.m.
Manila	Eolbeck	Sat., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Tjiloboet	Sat., Mar. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Emil Kirdarf	Sat., Mar. 26, 12.30 p.m.
Weihaiwei	Kweichow	Sat., Mar. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Weihaiwei, Tientsin and Europe via Siberia	Kweichow	Sat., Mar. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haruna Maru	Sat., Mar. 26, Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 24th April.)
Saigon	Feng Lee	Sat., Mar. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fooksang	Sat., Mar. 26. Parcels 3 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Mar. 27, 8.30 a.m.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kwangchow	Sun., Mar. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Bingo Maru	Tues., Mar. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and *Europe via Marseilles	Paul Lecat	Tues., Mar. 29. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 29th April.)
Shanghai and Japan	Amazone	Tues., Mar. 29, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwongsang	Tues., Mar. 29 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Wed., Mar. 30, 1 p.m.
Manila, Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U. S. A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Canada	Wed., Mar. 30, Parcels noon Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m. (Due Vancouver, B.C. 17th April).
Straits	Van Heutsz	Thurs., Mar. 31, 2 p.m.
Batavia	Tjisalak	Fri., April 1, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island	St. Albans	Fri., Apr. 1, Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 16th April).
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Parcels 1st., 5 p.m. Sat., Apr. 2. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, 29th April.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Antenor	Wed., April 6. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, 4th May.)
Manila	Empress of Russia	Sun., April 10, 8.30 p.m.

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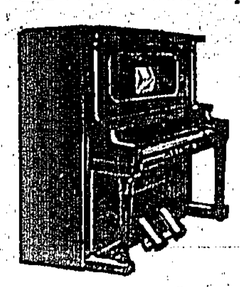

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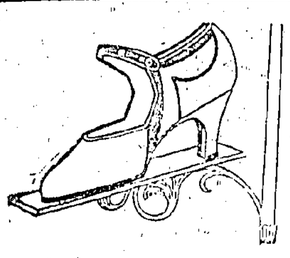

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MORE DESTROYERS.

EIGHTH FLOTILLA ARRIVES IN HARBOUR.

The eighth destroyer flotilla arrived in Hongkong last evening, a few hours ahead of the time they were originally expected.

H.M.S. Bruce (Capt. M. Maxwell Scott, D.S.O.) is the flotilla leader, and with her are: Serapis (Commander P.R.R. Percival, D.S.O.); Seraph (Lt. Com. P.B. Wilmot-Smith), Sepoy (Lt. Com. A. L. Pears); Stormcloud, (Lt. Com. P.H.G. James); Thracian (Commander H. E. Snepp); Sterling (Lt. Com. S. H. Arliss); Sirdar (Lt. Com. C.G.N. Graham); Somme (Lt. Com. F.S.W. de Winton).

The Bruce is one of five similar vessels built by Messrs. Cammell-Lairds in 1918-19, and is 332½ft. length, 31ft. 9ins. beam, 12ft. 3 ins. draught and 1,800 tons displacement. Twin screw driven by engines developing 40,000 h.p. she can reach a speed of 36½ knots. Her armament consists of five 4.7 ins, one 3-ins anti-aircraft, and two two-pounder anti-aircraft guns, and six torpedo tubes. The crew numbers 182.

All the other vessels of the flotilla were built between 1918 and 1922, the Thracian being the latest. They are 276 ft. in length, 26¾ft. in breadth, and 10½ft. draught, with a displacement of 1,075 tons. Their engines develop 27,000 h.p., giving a maximum speed of 36 knots. Three 4-ins., one two-pounder, one machine gun, four Lewis guns, and two deck torpedo tubes comprise their armament. Each vessel carries a complement of about 100 men.

SALE OF AN ISLAND.

PURCHASE BY THE SHANGHAI REALLY CORPORATION.

Manila, March 2.

Fuga Island, a dot on the map between the Philippines and Formosa, will change hands in the near future if the owner can establish his title to it. The Shanghai Realty Corporation will complete the purchase of it, according to Mr. J. J. Danon, a Manila broker, if the title can be cleared up. Reports were current sometime ago that the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Co. had been approached by Mr. Danon, but that they had refused to buy it.

Fuga Island is only a few miles from the coast of Luzon, and though undeveloped is considered of potential military and naval importance. At present cattle are raised on it, and a certain amount of timber is cut.

Mr. Vicente Masigan, the owner, is a descendant of an old Spanish family which was granted the island by the Spanish crown in the 18th century. He has Torrens title to a part of it, and claims the rest by virtue of the Royal grant and the fact that he has paid 'taxes on it for many years.'—*Reuter.*

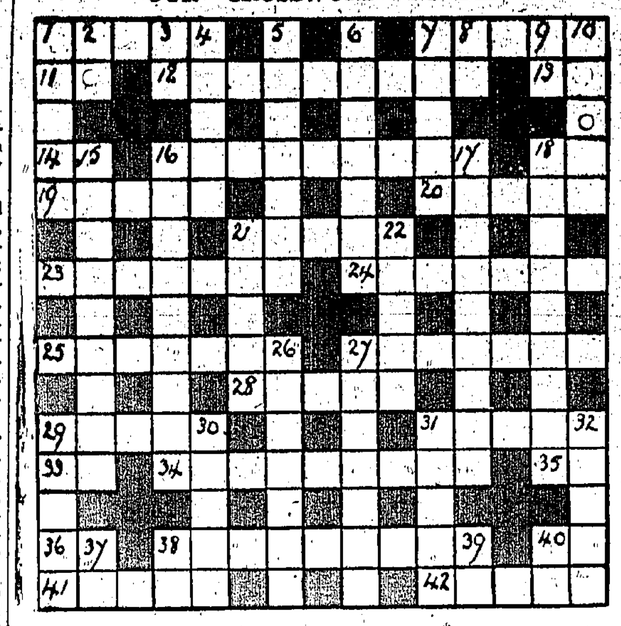
STATE RESPONSIBILITY.

OPINIONS OF THIRTY GOVERNMENTS CONSIDERED.

Geneva, March 24.

After examining the opinions of thirty Governments in reference to the desirability of an International agreement regarding the responsibility of States for damage caused in their territories to foreign property and persons, the Committee of experts has informed the League Council that the question is ripe for the codification of International Law.—*Reuter.*

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



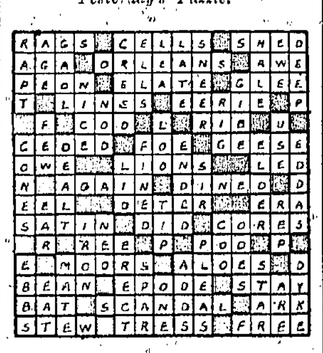
Across.

1 A wild animal.
2 Cook on a spit.
11 Actually there.
12 Restrained.
13 Correlative of either.
14 Late monarch.
16 Marked.
18 Negative prefix.
19 Property taxes.
20 Slope.
21 Stop., (Naut)
23 Authority given to do any act.
24 Upright.
25 Military.
27 Counselled.
28 Dandle.
29 Wild animals.
31 Wrath.
33 Magnetic force.
34 Confuse.
35 Act.
36 Royal Society.
38 Instrument for mensuring pressure.
40 Myself.
41 Giver.
42 Reproves.

Down.

1 More subdued.
2 Pronoun.
3 Printer's measure.
4 Garments.
5 Transfer.
6 Dry crushed sugar cane.
7 Bobbins.
8 Invented by Reichenbach.
9 Thus.
10 English river.
15 Deeply rooted.
16 Security.
17 Acts of choosing.
18 Remains the same.
21 Ancient race of Babylonia.
22 Occupation.
26 Tobacco.
27 Gained.
29 Council.
30 Smudge.
31 Plant.
32 Cords.
37 Thus.
38 Towards.
39 Branch of the army.
40 Pronoun.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



BEQUESTS.

LEGACIES TO FAMILIES IN CHINA.

A will of considerable local interest is that of James Russell Brazier, of Craigie Lea, 12 Portarlington Road, Bournemouth, re-sealing of probate of which has been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, solicitor of Hongkong, the attorney of Patrick Cooper and John Russell Cooper, executors.

Deceased was formerly a Commissioner in the Customs Service, and died on March 7 1926 at the age of 66.

He left net estate in Hongkong of $8,400 and in the United Kingdom of £41,706. He directed his executors to pay for six months after his death the following legacies, free of duty:

To his sister, Jane Maitland Brazier, £1,000.

His brother, Henry Woodham Brazier, £1,000.

His executor, Patrick Cooper, £500.

David William Tanquerey, of Fettes College, Edinburgh, £250.

He also left legacies of £100 each to the following god children or name children:

Winefred Adelaid Taylor (now Contessa Terni), daughter of Francis Edward Taylor, a Commissioner of Chinese Customs,

Violet Tours, daughter of Berthold George Tours, British Consul in China.

SHANGHAI THEFT.

REUTER BROCKLEMANN'S ACTION.

London, March 24.

A number of other claims were stated to depend on the result of a case now being heard in the King's Bench division, in which Reuter Brocklemann and Company, of Shanghai, sue the Ocean Steamship Company, of Liverpool, owners of the s.s. Eumaeus, for £82 damages for alleged breach of contract for the carriage of a quantity of woollens to Shanghai.

Evidence was given that a native craft was discovered taking off cloth from the Eumaeus early one morning in January last year.

The defence stated that all the goods were recovered, and the theft was discovered through the ship's officers' vigilance.

The case was adjourned.—*Reuter.*

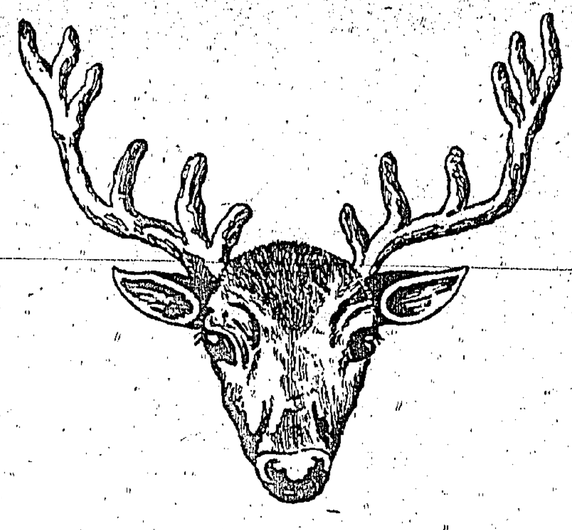
Helen Hols Strong, daughter of Carl Hols Strong, of Epsom.

James Alexander Barclay Barton, son of Sir Sydney Barton, of the British Legation, Peking.

Barbara Mary Kent, daughter of Percy Horace Kent, barrister of Tientsin.

John Russel Cooper, son of one of the executors, and

Aline Joyce Walsham, daughter of Percy Romilly Walsham, deputy Commissioner of Chinese Customs.



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HENRY FORD FAILS.

WIVES WHO WILL NOT TAKE WAGES.

Henry Ford has started a controversy among both sexes by declaring that all wives should be paid salaries for their housework. Mr. Ford does not say what a wife is worth but leaves this part of the problem to be settled according to the finances in each individual case. A wife is worth, by this plan, as much as she can get.

But, curiously enough (writes a New York correspondent of the *Evening Standard*) the Ford proposition does not find favour with the wives. In general, the husbands in America have no special objection to the salary idea. Mr. Ford, being a husband himself, is charged by the women with adopting the masculine point of view. Being at the same time so wealthy that he does not know how much money he has got, he is not able to look at the question from the standpoint of people to whom money really means something.

Paying a salary to Mrs. Ford proportionate to her husband's income would give her far more money than she would know what to do with.

Why the Wives Refuse.

This is a common problem with thousands of American women whose husbands, while not as rich as Mr. Ford, nevertheless make too much money for their wives to spend without mental fatigue. But this aspect of the problem is not what is troubling the large majority of American citizens.

To be able to persuade their wives to accept a salary would content these middle-class Americans as a gift of the good fairy at the wedding feast. Mr. Ford regarded suspiciously by the women, is enthusiastically encouraged by the men to proceed with his agitation. Salaries for wives would solve many domestic problems that continually recur under the present system.

Feminine extravagance, one of the major vices of the American standard of living, would vanish if wives had salaries. The strange spectacle of husbands in cheap, dowdy suits walking beside wives resplendent in silks and furs, so conspicious in every American city, would be no more if wives could be persuaded to accept salaries. That, at least, is the argument.

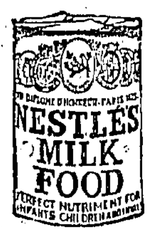
The American Way.

But no such luck is in store for American husbands. Henry Ford can make himself the wealthiest man in the world, but he cannot make American wives accept salaries. The present way of life in America is too firmly fixed for that.

The American man, it is affirmed, takes home to his wife, every Saturday night, all of his earnings. He receives back enough pay for his fare to the office, for a meagre lunch—since he finds it impossible to work hard after a heavy midday meal— and to keep up his stock of tobacco.

All that remains over goes to the wife. She pays the rent, replenishes the larder, and mets the other household expenses. Out of her purse comes the shilling per person to secure admittance to an occasional cinema show to which she takes her husband.

What mother desires for herself she goes out and buys. Presents in the form of goods are out of fashion among American women. They want money. They do not trust their husbands to buy anything for them.



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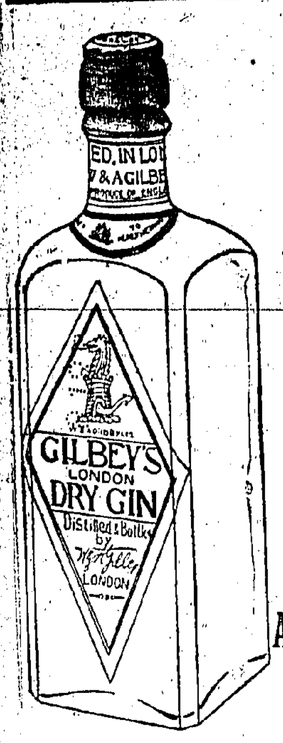

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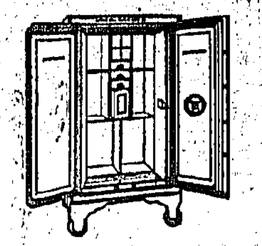

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THE BIAS BAY RAID.

In shipping and other circles throughout the Far East, there will be general satisfaction felt that British action has at last been taken with a view to cleaning up the ill-famed pirate-nest in the Bias Bay region. During the past six years there have been no fewer than nineteen big piracies committed by the Bias Bay outlaws, in which tremendous losses have been suffered by foreigners and Chinese alike. Again and again efforts have been made by the Hongkong authorities to get the Canton Government to participate in a joint expedition against these pirates, but, with a show of independence which does them no credit, the Canton officials have declined to co-operate. What is more, they have not even shown the least determination to take on the task themselves, despite the fact, of which they must have been fully aware, that the continued existence of this pirate stronghold was a menace not only to foreign and Chinese shipping but also to thousands of Chinese travelling by sea. Some little time ago, there was much made of the fact that Canton had sent a military detachment to the district, but it soon became evident that the object of this expedition was for no other purpose than to hunt down a little War Lord who did not recognise Canton's authority. No action whatever was taken against the pirates.

In this matter, as in many others, there is a limit to the patience of the British. Ships flying the red ensign have so frequently suffered that the time was bound to come when, failing Canton's co-operation, a British punitive expedition would have to be arranged. The pirating of the Hopsang on Monday last proved to be the last straw, and a swift and stern object-lesson has now been given the inhabitants of this pirate-infested region. Prior to the carrying out of the expedition, the British authorities knew of a certainty that pirates who had taken part in fairly recent outrages hailed from the villages which came within the sphere of operations, and this fact was further substantiated by a villager who informed the police accompanying the expedition that four or five pirates had absconded when they saw the British forces landing. One circumstance that stands out boldly from a reading of the account of the operations is that care was taken to cause no personal injury to the inhabitants of the villages, whilst special regard was also paid to the point of not damaging any buildings of a religious character. In these respects all concerned are to be commended, whilst a word of praise is also due to the naval men for the skilful manner in which they carried out a difficult piece of work.

Strictly speaking, of course, it is the business of the Canton authorities to suppress these pirates, but the responsibility is one which, for some reason or other, they decline to shoulder. Mr. Eugene Chen's recent suggestion that British warships should be stationed at Bias Bay to intercept pirated vessels can only be described as astounding. The work properly belongs to the Canton Government, and it is only the failure on its part to realise its obligations which has led the British to take this long overdue action. By carrying out the expedition and giving due warning to the inhabitants that further punishment of a like character will be inflicted, if any further piracies occur, the British authorities have rendered a distinct service to foreign and Chinese interests alike.

Malaya's New Governor.

The Straits Settlements and the whole of Malaya will most assuredly be pleased at the fact that Sir Hugh Clifford has been appointed Governor, in succession to Sir Laurence Guillemard, because Sir Hugh is not only a veteran, well-tried and highly skilled administrator, regarding whom the highest encomiums have been voiced, but he is also a product of the Malay Civil Service in which he spent the first 20 years of his honourable career. It was in 1883 that young Mr. Hugh Clifford joined the Malay States' service and he displayed a marked ability that instantly foreshadowed a brilliant career. He held many important administrative posts in Malaya, but his most outstanding work was in the capacity of Resident at Pahang. He took a leading part in the suppression of the Pahang Rebellion and, in 1894, led armed expeditions into the native States of Trengganu and Kelantan. His resignation of the Governorship of North Borneo because of his disapproval of the methods of the Chartered Company would possibly have cost him dearly in advancement had he not been a man whose excellences inevitably destined him for promotion, and he was soon afterwards sent to Trinidad. Of his subsequent service in Ceylon, the Gold Coast and Nigeria much high praise has been said. When he left the Gold Coast, this is what the leading native paper had to say about him:—"No Administrator of these Settlements since the good days of Maclean, and no Governor of the Gold Coast Colony and its Dependencies, since the Royal Letters Patent constituting these Settlements into a separate independent whole, has been more statesmanlike and courageous in his handling of political problems, or more capable in his perception of the various aspects of the questions of the day. He discovered from voluminous records our chief complaint, that we were not consulted or allowed effective voice in the administration. He knew that we were not satisfied with the existing aboriginal representation at the Legislative Council. His Excellency's deep sympathy with native claims and aspirations at once caught up the discovery, and he began to work for a remedy which has had the result of the constitution of the new Legislative Council of the Colony and to some extent of the Executive Council also. We shall always associate His Excellency's administration of the Government of the Gold Coast with our progress under the Crown Colony system as at once the most eventful, the most efficient and the most distinguished since Downing Street assumed effective responsibility of the direction of our affairs." Sir Hugh goes to the Straits at the age of 61 after having held Governorships for over 15 years—a Colonial Office record of outstanding character.

The sale of property situated at Mongkoktsui, advertised to take place at Messrs. Lammert's Auction Rooms yesterday, has been postponed until April 1.

DAY BY DAY.

HUMAN NATURE IS THE SAME THING IN ALL CLASSES, AND THERE'S JUST AS MUCH CONCEIT AMONG THE POORER CLASSES AS THE RICH.—*Donald Maclean.*

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The P. and O. s.s. Gogra, which left Singapore at 6 a.m. on the 20th instant, is due here 7 a.m. on the 27th.

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The gun practice of H.M.S. Frobisher from Stonecutters, was postponed yesterday and is being carried out this afternoon.

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The s.s. Kochow was undocked this morning and berthed at her usual wharf. She resumes her place in the West River schedule this evening.

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The health return for yesterday shows two cases of small-pox and one of diphtheria and typhoid. The last-named was Portuguese and the others Chinese.

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A notice to mariners issued this morning announces that naval gunnery practice will be carried out near the north face of Sharp Peak on Wednesday, March 30.

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This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 18 arrivals and 12 departures, of which nine and six respectively were British, leaving 68 vessels in harbour, the British totalling 26.

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While the A.D.C. performance of "The Last of Mrs. Cheney" was in progress at the Theatre Royal last evening, a thief entered the cloakroom, and stole property valued at $101.

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At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commdr. G. F. Hole, the master of a cargo junk pleaded guilty to the charge of obstruction by anchoring in the Southern Fairway and was fined $5, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment with hard labour.

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It was erroneously stated in our report of the Bias Bay expedition yesterday that Capt. Mackintosh, of the s.s. Tungchow, had succumbed to the injuries which he received during the piracy of that vessel. His many friends will be glad to know that latest news received from him, from Home, show that he is in good health.

DR. JOSE C. SOARES.

PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON.

At 5.30 o'clock this evening, at the Club Lusitano, there will be a reception and a presentation of a souvenir from the Portuguese community and friends of Dr. Jose Caetano Soares, the well-known Portuguese surgeon of Macao, prior to his departure on furlough upon completion of his ten years' service with the Municipal Council and Santa Casa de Misericordia in the Portuguese colony. The presentation will be made by the Portuguese Consul-General, Senhor A. Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro, in the name and on behalf of his compatriots.

After the reception the Committee of the Club Lusitano will be "At Home" to tea to Dr. and Mrs. Soares and the visitors, of whom a large number is expected to be present, since there are many in Hongkong who owe much to Dr. Soares' professional services at one time or another, and others who hold him in high regard and esteem. After tea there will be dancing. Music will be provided by the Lyric Orchestra.

The eminent surgeon holds a high record at Macao. Dr. Soares first came out to the Far East in the service of the Government of Macao. When he first came out in 1913 he was a lieutenant in the Army and was attached to the military medical staff. His transference to Timor took place in 1915, whence he returned to Macao in the following year. It was in 1916 that he was engaged to serve under the Macao Municipality and the Santa da Misericordia. He was placed in charge of St. Rafael's Hospital, the reorganisation of which he carried out with marked skill and ability. Dr. Soares possesses a rare organising gift. His ten years' contract, which has just expired, has been renewed, and the worthy Doctor leaves for Portugal to-morrow by the s.s. Harung Maru. He expects to be away for one year and hopes to return to Macao in the spring of next year. His friends and admirers will wish him a *bon voyage*, a happy reunion with his people in his home country and a speedy return to Macao which can ill afford his absence for any length of time.

CONFIDENCE TRICK.

ARREST AFTER THREE WEEKS.

The "confidence trick," in which unscrupulous Chinese accost unsuspecting women in the streets and obtain from them money and jewellery as security for a parcel purporting to contain banknotes, has become a very common means of larceny, and, always selecting ignorant persons, those who practice it usually find this method of getting rich is successful.

An elderly woman, who was victimised as long ago as March 1st, was a little more fortunate than others have been and she received as compensation for a gold ring, a gold bracelet and $130, the sum of $5, which she was awarded at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on the conviction of the thief.

In prosecuting a Chinese on a charge of larceny, before Mr. W. Schofield, Sub-Inspector Fallon said the defendant, who met the complainant in Yaumati, gave her a bundle which he claimed contained bank-notes. After receiving $130 and the articles of jewellery as security, he asked the woman to have the notes changed for him, as he was a stranger and was not acquainted with the district. He promised to meet the woman later, but it was not until accidentally seeing him in Yaumati yesterday that she saw him again.

The man was pointed out to the police and when arrested a bundle of waste paper, wrapped in a $5 note, was found on him. Sub-Inspector Fallon suggested to-day that he was looking for another "customer."

The defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour and the $5 found on him was ordered to be handed to the complainant.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended March 31st, 1906.

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The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0. 1/16d.

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In the China United Services Rifle Championship, Sergt. R. Lapsley, of the Volunteers, was second, being only eight points behind the winner, Capt. J. D'Oyly, of the 119th Infantry. Mr. C. E. H. Beavis was top scorer in the 600 yards.

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In a leading article on the prevalence of piracy, the *Telegraph* remarked:—"It rests with the foreign fleets in Chinese waters to take the matter into their own hands. In no other way will this menace and danger to shipping be expunged, and the sooner a start is made to sweep the waters in the vicinity of Hongkong clear of the gangs which lie in wait for traders, the better it will be for the credit of the foreign Navies in this part of the world."

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Earthquake shocks were felt in all parts of the Colony on the morning of March 28th. The shocks were of brief duration but their intensity was most marked.

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Second Lieutenants H. W. B. Kennett, J. S. Gubbay and J. T. Hayton were appointed Lieutenants in the Volunteer Corps.

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The sharebroking partnership between Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts was dissolved, the successors of the firm being Messrs. S. S. Benjamin and G. H. Potts in Shanghai and Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie and Co. in Hongkong.

POWELL'S BURGLARY.

ANOTHER POLICE RAID.

Acting on the supposition that the burglars could not have got very far with the haul they stole from Messrs. Powell's Store, another raid was carried out on Wednesday, at premises within close proximity to the burgled store. The area chosen for this raid was confined within an area bounded by Ice House Street and Powell's Building on the one hand, and by the old Astor Hotel building and Des Voeux Road on the other.

Within these blocks there is a maze of narrow alleyways in which are situated premises mostly occupied as quarters for native servants. These were all brought within the area of the search, but nothing that could be identified with robbery was found.

At the Police Court this morning, a Chinese, who was formerly employed at Messrs. Powell's Store, appeared on remand, before Major O. Willson, on charges of stealing and receiving goods proved to have been stolen at some time or other from the shop. He was convicted on the two charges of stealing, and was sentenced to terms aggregating six months' hard labour.

The Very Idea!

Lady: I want to buy some oysters.

Dealer: Large or small ones, lady?

Lady: Well, they're for a man with a size fifteen collar.

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The Sheriff of Aberdeen has been learning in the Mikado's school of penology:—

The Sheriff remarked that heavier fines might be required to bring the Englishman to his senses, but he hoped the Scotsman, with his appreciation of the value of money, would come to his senses through the imposition of a much smaller fine.—*Aberdeen Press.*

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The clock's alarm was broken
and
The owner faced a plight.
To make sure he would early
rise
He just sat up all night.

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A London dealer has in his possession an old stained-glass window from Staffordshire which displays the characters "Mary R." and something that looks like "July 27," both written with a diamond. Mary Queen of Scots is supposed to be the author of the inscription. If so, she anticipated our modern script by three hundred years.

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Solicitor, to Hoxton woman: Is this street of yours a cul-de-sac? The woman, indignantly: No, it is a respectable place!

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Witness at Shoreditch County Court: I am not going to tell lies for the paltry money he has paid me to come here.

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Mr. W. D. Luke, Willesden magistrate: It is easier to be honest—in the long run.

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Nottinghamshire magistrates' clerk: Have you anything to say? Defendant: It is no use saying anything here. How much?

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Man when fined 40s. at Enfield: I cannot pay, sir, I am hearts of oak. Magistrate: That is a new one to me. What does it mean? Man: It means stoney broke.

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Mr. Chesterton has moments when he persists in putting vine leaves in his hair, as if he were the Apostle of High Jinks.—*Mr. Bernard Shaw.*

The clash between England and America, so far as it exists, is to a very large extent the clash betwen middle age and youth.—*Canon Carnegie.*

For sheer malice and misrepresentation the Anglo-Catholic papers take the cake.—*Dean Inge.*

To scatter flowers on a grave is simply a way in which an ordinary person can express in gesture things that only a very great poet can express in words.—*Mr. G. K. Chesterton.*

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An American staying at a Scottish shooting lodge was awakened early in the morning by an ear-piercing noise under his bedroom window.

"Luvva Mike," he said to the man who brought in his breakfast, "what's that?"

"That's Donald playing the bagpipes, sir."

"Gee," muttered the American, "I thought it was someone torturing a haggis!"

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The training of a champion (the young gentleman who has won a 22-mile swim in Canada):—

"When he was five years of age," his mother said, "he was out for a walk when a bull appeared on the scene. George was frightened and ran into the water. He's stayed there ever since."

Not the first connexion between the Bull and the Bare.

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"The street car service is rotten. Always overcrowded."

"Yes, but father, you got a seat didn't you?"

"Yes, but your poor mother had to stand all the way."

WARSHIP THEFT.

FITTINGS STOLEN FROM "BLUEBELL."

Having just been thoroughly overhauled, H.M.S. Bluebell was taken out of drydock a few days ago and fitters were sent on board so that new electric wiring could be done. It was noticed, however, that the new fittings were being stolen as soon as they were installed, and a watch was set which resulted in a Chinese appearing before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, charged with stealing some length of electric wiring.

Evidence was given to show that the defendant was seen concealing the wires in his waistband.

Mr. Lindsell sentenced defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

FALSE PRETENCE CHARGE.

EUROPEAN'S HOTEL BILL.

Ferdinand Hauschild, described as an engineer, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, charged with taking board and lodging in the Palace Hotel, Kowloon to the extent of $217.85 knowing quite well he had no prospect of paying.

When the charge was read out to defendant, who spoke English, he said he could pay and that he had spoken to the Manager of the Palace Hotel and told him that if he could not meet his bills he could put his luggage up for auction and that it would fetch at least $215.

Mr. Lindsell asked Sergeant Elston, who was prosecuting, why defendant was arrested and was informed that the police made enquiries yesterday where defendant was living and found he had given another name.

Mr. C. Earnshaw, Manager of the Palace Hotel, said defendant came to the Hotel on the 1st of March and took a room. The Assistant Manager of the Kowloon Hotel had introduced defendant to him as "Mr. Hoffmann." He stayed in the Hotel for 17 days and incurred $217.85, out of which $137.85 was for bar chits.

Engineering Magnate.

Regarding defendant's financial position, Mr. Earnshaw stated that he had many conversations with defendant during his stay in the Hotel. Defendant told him that he was never an employee anywhere. All through his life he had been his own master and had a big engineering business in Tientsin, where he employed seventeen Europeans and about 2,000 Chinese. He had plenty of money and could pay his bills at any time and told witness not to worry at all, although witness had not spoken to him about the bills.

Questioned by the magistrate as to whether he believed such a story, witness stated that he had no reason to doubt the man at that time.

Went Without Luggage.

On the 19th inst., defendant disappeared but left his luggage behind, having apparently taken with him only a small bag which he always carried around. The contents of the luggage left behind were some clothing and some Japanese curios, which at best could not be worth more than $50.

The register clerk of the Palace Hotel said defendant signed the register as "F. Hoffmann."

Sergeant Elston, in the witness box, told his Worship that defendant was arrested in Ice House Street by Detective Sergeant Baker. When witness questioned him, he produced a passport which was issued by the Czecho-Slovakian Consul at Peking to "Ferdinand Hauschild" born at Dux. The pasaport was visaed by the British Vice-Consul at Kobe for Hauschild to travel to Czecho-Slovakia via British Territory.

Hauschild arrived in the Colony about the 1st of March from Tientsin via Amoy, Swatow and Canton. He stayed in the King Edward Hotel on arrival and the next day went to the Palace Hotel where he registered in the name of "Hoffmann." On the 23rd, he went to Canton and returned the following day, which he spent in a Chinese brothel in Yaumati. He was arrested by Sergeant Baker shortly after noon yesterday.

Two Names.

Defendant said he was introduced to the Palace Hotel by the Assistant Manager as "Hoffmann" and as he did not intend to stay long he simply "let it remain."

Mr. Lindsell:—You are generally known as Hoffmann?—Yes.

Mr. Lindsell:—You have not that name on the passport—My name is Hauschild.

Why have you two names?—I was called Hoffmann and I just let it go.

Sergeant Elston pointed out that when defendant was searched in the Police Station he had only 50 cents and a few pawn tickets on him.

His Worship suggested that a valuer should be sent to give a valuation to Hauschild's luggage at the Palace Hotel. He remanded the case until 11 a.m. to-morrow, and meantime the defendant will be kept in police custody.

BIG GIFT.

£160,000 TO MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

London, Mar. 24.

Prince Arthur of Connaught announced at the Middlesex Hospital to-day that an anonymous person had given £160,000 towards providing a complete hostel and training school for nurses.—*British Wireless.*

"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING.

A love story, a boatswain who tells the crew that he is shocked, a crew that is terribly upset when the Captain says "Damme"! a First lord's ideas of every man's equality, excepting with himself, a plot in which Gilbert's well-tried motif of the substituted children is exploited, combined with Sullivan's entrancing music—such is the mixture of which "H.M.S. Pinafore," which the Hongkong Philharmonic Society produce next week, is composed.

The story of the opera is that Ralph Rackstraw, a foremast hand, loves the Captain's daughter, but gives up the quest as hopeless until inspired by the First Lord's ideas of equality, when, backed up by the crew, he determines to approach Josephine. This he does, but is repelled, when he threatens to shoot himself but is stopped at the last moment by Josephine, who tells him that she loves him.

An elopement is arranged, but the Captain is informed by Dick Deadeye that it is proposed, and stops the happy pair as they are about to leave the ship.

Sir Joseph appears on deck just in time to hear the Captain swearing at his discovery and sends him to his cabin in disgrace, and then finding that his proposed fiancee is in love with Ralph, orders the latter to the ship's dungeon. Little Buttercup, however, spoils all this by stating that, as baby farmer she changed the Captain and Ralph over in babyhood, and that the Captain is Ralph, and Ralph is the Captain. The First Lord takes Cousin Hebe, the Captain takes Buttercup, Ralph gains his love, and all ends happily.

The part of Sir Joseph Porter is taken by Mr. A. J. J. Brock, who will be remembered for his excellent presentation of the Lord Chancellor in "Iolanthe" and the Major General in "The Pirates of Penzance," while Mr. R. M. Keown is Capt. Corcoran. Ralph is taken by a well-tried favourite in Mr. D. M. Richards, and newcomers in Mr. C. P. Marcel, Rev. N. V. Halward, and Mr. R. Dormer play Dick Deadeye, the Boatswain's Mate, and the Carpenter's Mate respectively. The busy little Middy is portrayed by Teddy Bullock who is following in father's footsteps, while the part of Josephine is taken by Mrs. C. P. Marcel, a soprano who has not hitherto been heard in the Colony.

Mrs. J. Hollidge as Cousin Hebe has a small but effective part, while Mrs. G. Watt's splendid contralto voice is heard to full advantage as Mrs. Cripps, or Little Buttercup, the Portsmouth Bumboat Woman.

The opera is to be produced on Friday, April 1st, and for five performances after concluding on Saturday, April 9th, including a matinee on Wednesday, April 6th, at which children are admitted half-price to all seats.

Booking plans are now open at Anderson's Music Store, and judging by the experience of the "Pirates," when all seats for the last two performances were booked up some days beforehand, our readers should lose no time in wending their way thither. Prices are at popular rates, soldiers and sailors in uniform being admitted to the $1 and $2 seats at half-price.

"HOPSANG" ARMS.

TEN MEN STILL HELD.

Ten members of the Hopsang's engine-room staff, in whose department an arsenal of Lewis guns and other arms was uncovered by police officers during the search ensuing from the piracy, are still in police custody for the purpose of examination.

Unfortunately, the No. 1 Chinese engine-room man, who is thought to be in a position to make an important statement regarding the arms, is missing. The police for the short period of half-an-hour had it in their power to detain the man. This was when his statement was being taken in connexion with the piracy, and before the discovery of the arms opened up another field for investigation. The subsequent finding of the arms brought him into the case as a potential witness, and to this extent his absence is being regretted.

Connivance with one or more members of the Chinese engine room hands is suggested from the clever way in which the arms were secreted. These were all stored within the empty water tanks located below the boilers, and their tops screwed down. It is possible that this place of concealment might have been overlooked, but for the exceptional circumstances of the piracy.

Short of "inside" information, the present official theory is that the arms were smuggled at Shanghai, with Canton as their probable destination.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

LATEST CORPS ORDERS.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., state:

Recruits Parade.

On Tuesday, 29th March all recruits of the Corps will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Uniform optional, belt, rifle and bayonet.

Lectures.

On Friday, 1st April at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.—Lecture on demonstration on street fighting will be given by The Adjutant. As many members of all ranks and from all units as possible should attend.

On Friday, 22nd April at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.—A Lecture on Aerial Survey will be given by O.C. Military Survey Section, Royal Engineers. All ranks are invited to be present.

Signal Class.

Signal Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 31st March, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll.

Infantry Company.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by the Company on Sunday, 27th March at Stonecutters and Peak Ranges.

Stonecutters Range.—Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. Range Officers, Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell.

Peak Range.—Firing will commence at 9.20 a.m.; last tram up 9 a.m. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes.

Dress for both Ranges. Mufti or uniform optional but belts, braces and pouches must be taken in addition to rifle and bayonet.

Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 25th March, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m.; or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 26th March, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Mounted Infantry Company.

Monday, 28th March.—Parade at Kennedy Road Range at 5.30 p.m. Musketry practice for those firing in Corps Competitions.

Thursday, 31st March, 5.30 p.m.—Mounted Parade at Stables for all members, whether they have ponies or not.

Armoured Car Company.

Musketry. In connexion with the firing of Part I. on Sunday, 3rd April the following parades will be held:—Monday, 28th March, 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters. Thursday, 31st March 5.30 p.m. at Kennedy Road Range.

Men who have failed to pass Part I and all recruits must attend these parades in order to qualify for the open range practices.

All members must draw their own rifles for these parades.

Machine Gunners.—Machine Gun Class will be held on Mondays and Thursdays of every week through the summer, commencing on Monday, 28th March at 5.30 at Volunteer Headquarters.

All gunners who have passed Part I. Musketry should attend so that classes can be arranged according to the proficiency of the various members.

Armoured Car Company.

All N.C.O.'s are specially required to attend so that they will be in a position to instruct their men and new members. Those prepared to attend should send in their names to C.S.M. A. C. Groves, care of H.K. & S. Bank.

On Wednesday, 30th March.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Special Class of Machine Gun Instruction under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock for all members of the Mobile Column, Armoured Car Company. A good attendance is specially requested.

Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies.

Musketry Part II. will be fired by the above Companies at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 3rd April. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. C. Macnamara.

As this is the last Sunday allotted to these Companies for Part I, all those who have not fired must endeavour to attend. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken. Part I. Course must be fired in drill order whether over uniform or mufti.

Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 1st April between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 2nd April, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Scottish Company.

Thursday, 31st March, at 5.30 p.m. No. 5 (Taikoo Platoon) will parade at Taikoo for musketry.

No. 6 (Kowloon Platoon) will parade at Kowloon Docks for musketry.

No. 7 (City Platoon) will parade at Corps Headquarters for Vickers Gun.

Dress for all Platoons: Mufti, rifle and bayonet.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1170 Gnr. C. P. Anderson, Artillery Co.

No. 1171 Pte. W. D. Russell, M. I. Coy.

No. 1172 Pte. A. Garcia, No. 4 Platoon.

No. 1173 Pte. M. G. Mills, A. C. Coy.

No. 1174 Gnr. G. Pairman, Artillery Co.

Transfers.

No. 1031 Pte. R. MacIntyre is transferred from Mounted Infantry Company to Armoured Car Company.

No. 1066 Pte. G. G. Stopani-Thomson is transferred from Mounted Infantry Company to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish Company).

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 479 Pte. W. J. Clerk, A. C. Co. from 18. 3. 27. to 17. 3. 28.

No. 355 Pte. S. H. Garrod, No. 7 Platoon 1. 4. 27 to 31. 3. 28.

No. 502 Pte. C. R. M. Young, Reserve Co. 19. 3. 27 to 18. 3. 28.

No. 674 Cpl. W. M. Lyons, M. I. Co. is granted sick leave, from 21. 3. 27, till further notice.

Resignation.

No. 524 Spr. A. Gray, Engineer Company, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 19. 3. 27. on leaving the Colony.

In the pamphlet "Programme of Rifle Meeting" under "Definition of Unit," delete the words "and A. C Section."

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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

The Queen's Theatre management is offering an unusually attractive programme at present. The main film is "Her Big Night," starring Laura La Plante. This is an exceptionally well-produced film, noteworthy for first-rate acting and plenty of humorous incidents. It concerns a young shop-girl, who, for a thousand dollars, agreed to impersonate on the stage a famous screen actress to whom she bore a striking resemblance. Complications of a most embarrassing character ensue after the show is over, and it is in these that the fun of the film is emphasised. Laura La Plante is charming in the dual role and she has excellent support from a strong cast.

A feature of the 9.20 p.m. session is the appearance of the full band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers under the conductorship of Mr. W. H Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., whose selections were immensely enjoyed last night, especially the sailor's hornpipe by Pipe Major W. C. K. Mackie. At ordinary prices, the programme is one which should continue to draw big houses, and it once again demonstrates the enterprise of the management.

The Charleston has given way to Scotch foursomes and eightsomes in Swiss winter sport centres. A group of Scotsmen, attracted there by winter sports and curling, insisted on dancing the national Scottish steps and the entire foreign colony soon adopted the old dances. Dancing teachers doubt, however, if the slow music of the Scottish reels can hold out long against the popular jazz.

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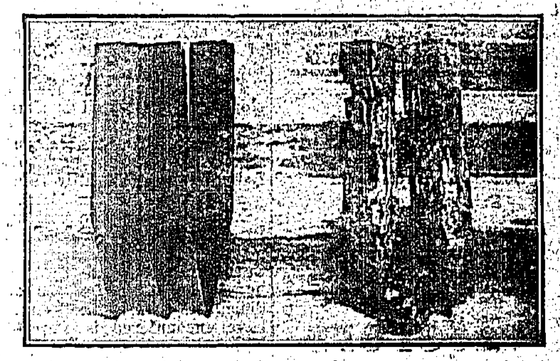

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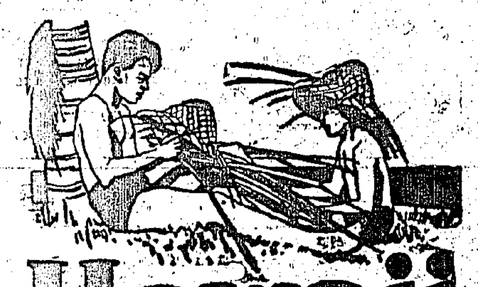

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Underground miners, working 90 feet down from Piccadilly-circus as we know it to-day, have just recovered the shell of that poor, lone oyster.

Other small shells have also been found, and of this shell in particular there is little doubt that it was the fixed abode of a bivalve which escaped the rocky dining-table of a very ancient Briton.

Evidence has been found, too, that at one time Piccadilly-circus was woodland, for the miners have unearthed the fossilised remains of trees that doubtless once formed part of a great Piccadilly forest.

These miners are hardy fellows, and in hollowing out channels in the earth far below the circus, so that the tubes may run this way and that with greater freedom, they have never stopped working for two years.

Like Father, Like Son.

They keep up night shift and day shift, and the coal stoppage was to them but a regrettable piece of news. When London is to be pierced with a new tunnel the underground miners come forward, father and son, for it is a skilled business which runs in families for generations.

Some 40 of them keep the good work going (writes a *Daily Chronicle* representative). I saw them at work far below the Monico and the Criterion pavement. It was a hot and sticky experience.

I went down the main shift on narrow ladders and made a superlatively cautious descent. As I vanished, the noises of Piccadilly, with its traffic going round and round, became stilled.

Where Eros once stood—and will, we hope, stand again—is a winch which lowers working material and raises London mud. This shaft will in the due course of events become the stairway to the underworld.

Down below I was shown huge sloping shafts which in time will be filled with escalators—11 in all—and partially finished tunnels which will become part of the Bakerloo and Piccadilly tubes.

A Very Modern Maze.

The Bakerloo is to rest on the Piccadilly tube, and there is a maze of foot-bridges and passages. Curious twists and turns have had to be taken, for one of the difficulties which the engineers have encountered is sewer-dodging.

To my mind, the most remarkable tunnel of all is one which is not shown on the map.

This is a great tube which will circle the Circus. No trains will run there, but within its circumference, slightly greater than that of an ordinary tube, will be gathered the water mains, the electric mains and cables, the telephone and telegraph lines.

It is an impressive tunnel, holding as it will most of the services essential to modern civilisation, and causing them to gyrate in the manner of the traffic many yards above.

Owing to the twists and turns the engineers have been unable to use the "shield," which on straight stretches can press a clear way through the earth of London.

For Autumn 1928.

All the work at Piccadilly-circus is a mixture of sheer brawn and brain. Much has been done recently, but a great deal remains to be done, and it would be exaggerated optimism to expect the opening of underground Piccadilly-circus before the autumn of 1928.

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When it opens, and the double and triple escalators are carrying their multitudes to the trains, there will be the world's most remarkable traffic clearance station.

It has been said that there will be underground shops, but this is hardly likely. It is more probable that the booking hall will be enlivened by show cases of modern merchandise.

"PILLARS OF WISDOM."

THE G.B.S. ON COLONEL T. E. LAWRENCE.

Any country with a Valhalla or a spark of gratitude would have rewarded him with a munificent pension and built him another Blenheim. The British Government left him to pension himself like an ex-Minister by writing a book about it all and living on the proceeds.

The above is from a striking preface by Mr. George Bernard Shaw to the catalogue of an exhibition of paintings and drawings illustrating Colonel T. E. Lawrence's book "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," which was opened recently at the Leicester Galleries, Leicester-square, on Monday.

Knowing only too well the sort of people we are, continues G.B.S., Lawrence saw that if he came to our rescue by making the Arabs revolt during the war he would have more trouble with us than with them; for British public opinion and official routine disapproves intensely of geniuses, even when they have been hallmarked at Oxford.

The Government was not wholly ungrateful; but it did not understand. It offered him all sorts of jobs that he did not want. Military commands in time of peace did not appeal to a man who had for years played skittles with army routine.

What more could a Government offer? Money enough to follow his star does not seem to have suggested itself to the departmental mind.

He transferred his patronage from the Regular Army, changing into the Royal Air Force, and becoming Aircraftsman XXXX. He is now out of reach of this exhibition and this preface, which is perhaps lucky for me, as I am able to say all these things behind his back. What will happen in India next? Heaven only knows.

Mr. Shaw discloses that Colonel Lawrence refused to accept an Oxford grant for his book. He spent his own means to the uttermost.

FROM HONGKONG.

CHINESE SEAMAN FINED IN EDINBURGH.

A touch of the Orient was introduced into the formal atmosphere of Edinburgh Sheriff Court recently when a Chinese seaman named Ching Cheung was charged with a contravention of the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, having been found on February 15 with 1½ ounce of prepared opium, a brass opium pipe, an opium mixer, and an opium-lamp-in-his possession.

The articles were produced in Court, and as the accused was unable to speak English a Chinese chief steward from the same ship as accused acted as interpreter.

The Fiscal stated that accused was a ship's fireman on board the ss. Benvorlich, of Leith. He had been signed on at Hongkong some months ago, and arrived at Leith when the vessel brought a cargo of esparto grass from North Africa.

He was known on board the ship as a confirmed opium smoker, and there was no doubt that the opium found in his possession was for his own use and not intended for importation to this country. Consequently it was not regarded as a serious case.

Sheriff Neish ordered a fine of £2, to be deducted from accused's wages, which were stated to be £3, 10s. a month, and also ordered the forfeiture of the opium and the instruments.

Accused was liable under the Dangerous Drugs Act to a fine not exceeding £200, or imprisonment for six months, with or without hard labour.

THE STOKES GUN.

DEATH OF INVENTOR.

The inventor of the Stokes trench mortar, used in the Great War, Sir F. Wilfrid Scott Stokes, of Millwater, Ripley, Surrey, and 7, Park-lane, W., has died at the age of 66. His invention, afterwards used so extensively, was not favourably received at first. He said on one occasion:

"The experts, with one accord, "turned down" the proposal I put forward. At that time there was no Munitions Inventions Department. Acting on the courage of my own convictions I had made a primitive gun out of a piece of tube and a shell which gave promising results. In fact the range so much exceeded my expectations that my first shot nearly took refuge in a cottage.

"I devoted my week-ends to trials, so that I might develop the weapon into something which would be acceptable."

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Sir Wilfrid was made a K.B.E. in 1917. He was chairman of Ransomes and Rapier, Ltd., engineers and iron-founders.

MUSICAL FIND.

18TH CENTURY MASTERPIECES UNEARTHED.

Turin, February 25:—What is described as "the greatest musical find of the century" has been made by the Superintendent of Piedmontese Bibliography at Turin, who, invited to inspect a room full of books and manuscripts, discovered an enormous quantity of 18th Century masterpieces and minor works, including 43 operas.

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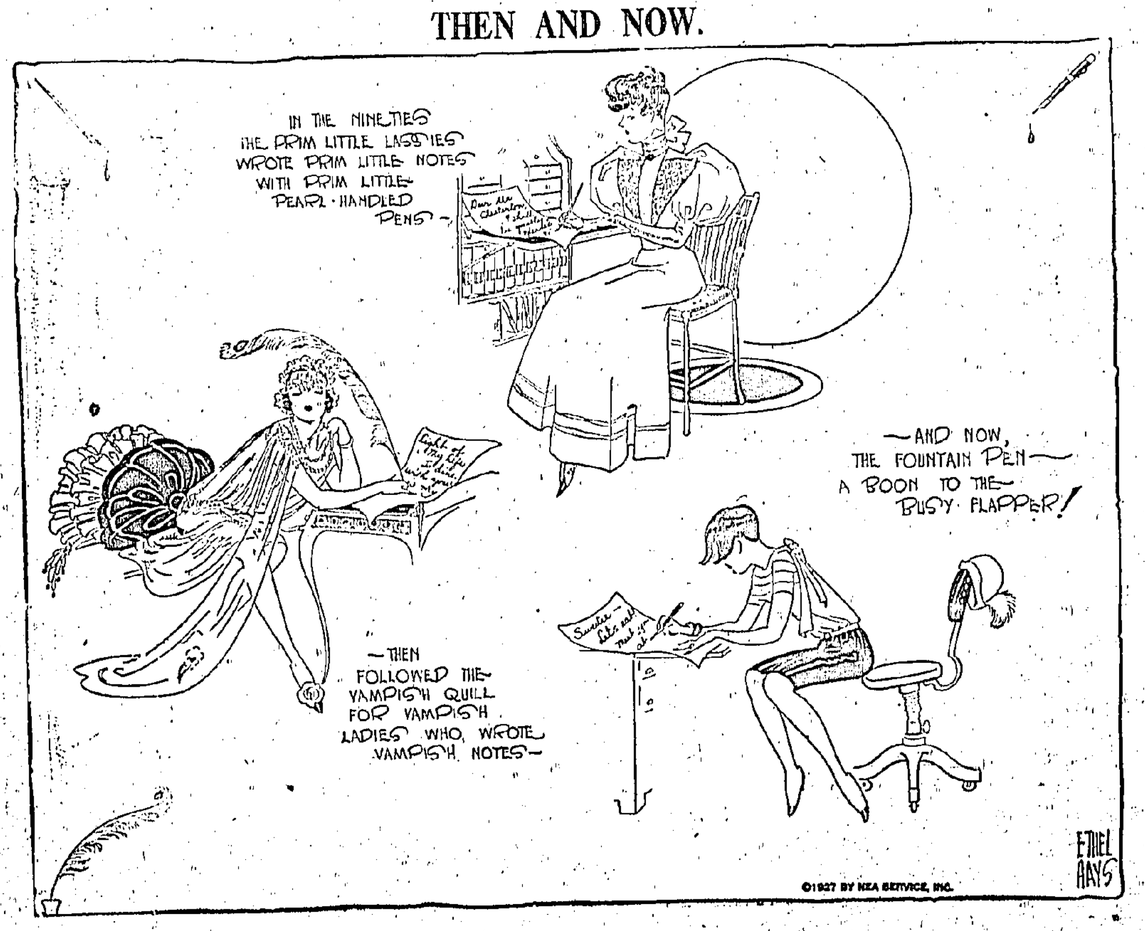

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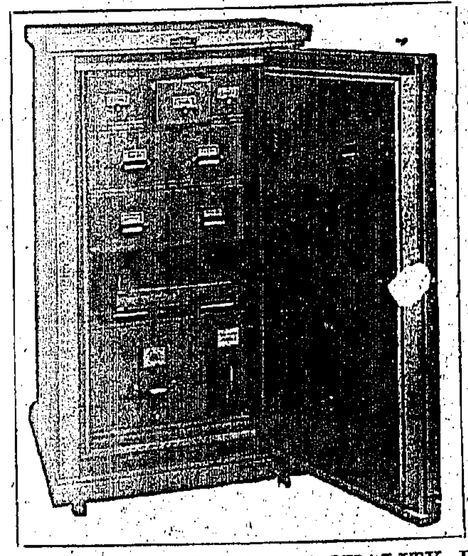

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LEAGUE SOCCER.

ONLY FIVE MATCHES FOR TO-MORROW.

RUNNERS-UP POSITION.

[By "Wanderer."]

The Hongkong Football League schedule is now almost completed, and only five matches, two Senior and three Junior, are down for decision to-morrow.

The H.K.F.C. who are most behind with their games meet the Chinese Athletic, and the result will have considerable bearing on the runners-up position. Both teams are still in the running. Should the Chinese Athletic win, a victory over the Recreio would give them second place. If the Club win, they need to beat Kowloon and South China to establish their position.

The fixtures for to-morrow follow:

Senior League.

H.K.F.C. v. Chinese Ath.—Club, 4.30.
R.A. v. Recreio.—Sookunpoo, 4.20.

Junior League "A."

H.K.F.C. Res. v. Kowloon R.—Club, 3 p.m.
Chinese Ath. "A" v. South China.—Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.
Recreio v. R.A.—King's Park, 3 p.m.

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The Club Prospects.

Should the Hongkong Club be at full strength they should manage to defeat the Chinese Athletic. The latter team has struck a very bad patch recently, though the fault is difficult to discover. The Athletic defence is one of the best all-round defences in the league, but the players have been very slow on the ball of late, and the attack has been breaking down before poor opposition. The Club shooting has shown no signs of improvement and a draw is not beyond the bounds of possibility.

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Again At Sookunpoo.

The Club de Recreio make their second visit to Sookunpoo in a fortnight, and since they were successful against the Police last Saturday, it is not likely that the Royal Artillery will give them serious trouble.

With The Juniors.

Four points will be at stake in the match between Kowloon Reserves and the Club Reserves on the Club ground, and the strengthened Club team will be on their mettle. Kowloon will field the same eleven which eliminated the Club from the Junior Shield competition.

The Chinese Athletic "A" and the Royal Artillery are both in a strong position in the league and they are not likely to drop valuable points to South China or the Recreio, the respective opposition to-morrow.

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Kowloon's 1st XI will be playing a friendly match on the Kowloon ground against H.M.S. Frobisher.

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Teams for To-morrow.

CLUB RESERVES: Slipper; Hill, Lyon; Vickers, Walls, Puncheon; Hawkes, Thomson, Campbell, Johnstone and White.

KOWLOON RESERVES: A. N. Other; Brown, Knight; Miles, Bliss, Nicholls; Pile (C.S.) Vickars, Pasco, Coates and Eastman.

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Yesterday's tennis games in the H.K.C.C. tournament were not marked by anything particularly brilliant in the open matches.

The Club Championship between W. Hyde and G. W. Sewell showed the players to be evenly matched, but the contest was abandoned owing to failing light, when Sewell had won the first set, lost the next two, and taken the fourth.

Redmond won against Hung Huai-chen in four sets in the second round of the singles, whilst in the doubles Col. Russell Brown and Forster beat Owen-Hughes and Grimble in five sets.

The results were:

Open Singles.—F. A. Redmond beat Hung Huai-chen, 7—5, 6—3, 3—6, 6—3.

Open Doubles.—Col. Russell-Brown and L. Forster beat H. Owen Hughes and E. Grimble, 1—6, 4—6, 6—3, 6—3, 6—3; R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley beat Y. A. Wahab and S. A. Hamid, 6—4, 6—2, 6—1.

Mixed Doubles.—Major and Mrs. W. B. Stevenson (rec. 3/6) beat Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Craig, (rec. 15) 9—7, 6—2; Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (owe 15/3) beat H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Miller (rec. 15), 6—1, 6—1.

This afternoon's matches are:

Open Singles.—H. Akiyama v H. D. Rumjahn; S. S. Hussain v W. B. Cornaby.

Open Doubles.—Major W. B. Stevenson and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander v Capt. E. W. Morris and G. Sturgess.

Handicap Singles "A."—D. S. Green (rec. 3/6) v D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/6); Major C. Willson (rec. 1/6) v A. Piercy (rec. 15); R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6) v T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4/6).

Handicap Doubles.—H. Owen Hughes and E. Grimble (owe 3/6) v J. R. Collis and Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15/2).

TO-MORROW'S RACES.

THE PROSPECTS AND SELECTIONS.

The first Extra Race Meeting, under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, will be held to-morrow at Happy Valley. There are nine events on the card, commencing the first race at 2.15 p.m. sharp. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.45 p.m.

There are a few new owners and 58 ponies have been entered. It is with much regret to learn that the entries of several ponies such as Papyrus, Ok Fee, Baccarat and others, having won races at the Macao Race Club last week, were refused, owing to the failure of owners to comply with certain rules of the Hongkong Jockey Club. The ponies are here and no doubt will be racing at the Easter Meeting.

Mr. Dunbar, who had a great success at the annual Race Meeting, is not racing this time and the pony Bengal, owned by Mr. Eve, is now in Shanghai, and so is King of Hearts belonging to Mr. Dynasty. With the exception of these, all others will be racing to-morrow and a good field is expected.

The shortage of jockeys is much felt, but racing fans will be interested to know that Messrs. T. L. Wong and K. H. Chun will be riding to-morrow. The former is booked to ride Mr. Eve's string, Misty Eve, Battle Eve, Bright Eve, Festive Eve, and also Mr. and Mrs. Priestley's ponies. Lieut. Bulteel will steer Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson's ponies and Messrs. Pollock and Gordon will look after Messrs. Hall and Shenton's long string. Mr. Dyer's ponies will be under the control of Mr. Reidy, and Mr. G. Roza will be seen on the ponies named Kings and Halls. Attaboy and Bing Boy will be ridden by Mr. Stanton.

As usual, the main event will be the First Aggregate Stakes, which is the fourth race on the card. Saligia won the Cup last year without any trouble. This year he has to meet some strong opponents, such as Misty Eve and Attaboy. These two ponies ran very well at the annual Race Meeting, so a keen race is assured to-morrow.

Selections for to-morrow are as follows:—

Happy Valley Handicap "A" Class.

1 King of Troy.
2 Total-Abstinence.
3 Espoir.

March Stakes.

1 Pottenbush.
2 Bing Boy.
3 King Alan.

Happy Valley Handicap "B" Class.

1 The Goblin.
2 Dobbin.
3 The Sand Piper.

First Aggregate Stakes.

1 Misty Eve.
2 Saligia.
3 Attaboy.

Polo Pony Scurry. Open.

Aberdeen Plate.

1 Espoir.
2 Laceda.
3 Soapy Sponge.

Stanley Stakes.

1 Skidoo.
2 Kom Tong Hall.
3 Bagheera.

Wanchai Handicap "B" Class.

1 Loch Tummel.
2 Saracen.
3 Salvo.

Wanchai Handicap "A" Class.

1 King of the Plains.
2 Sunburst Rose.
3 The Geezer.

THE BOAT RACE.

CAMBRIDGE'S FULL TRIAL.

London, Mar. 24.

The Cambridge crew did a full course trial from Putney to Mortlake in 21 min. 7 secs.

The conditions were not ideal, a strong headwind and rough water being experienced for the majority of the course.—*Reuter.*

Oxford's Stroke.

Later.

Hankin is now stroking the Oxford crew, Johnson, the deputy stroke, having returned to his original position as number Two.—*Reuter.*

FOOTBALL FORECASTS.

ONLY ONE WINNER.

Although there was a very large number of competitors in last week's Football Forecast Contest, some rather unexpected results appear to have upset the majority of calculations. Only one competitor managed to correctly forecast nine results, his name being.

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HOCKEY.

CLUB "A" v. Y.M.C.A.

The following teams will represent the Club "A" and the Y.M.C.A. in a match to be played at 5.15 this evening at King's Park:

Club "A"—A. Nicholls, L. A. R. Duncan, W. H. Newman, G. Rankin, L. M. S. Lloyd (Capt.), T. W. Southam, A. Hunter, L. P. Thomas, J. C. Thomson, B. W. Sampson and Lieut. D. M. Byeroft.

Y.M.C.A.—W. Lockhart Smith, E. O. Murphy, D. Lyon, J. Gardner, A. A. Dand (Capt.), L. F. Nicholson, A. May, W. R. Greenhalgh, G. B. Slipper, A. C. Howell and E. M. Railton.

CRICKET.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE BEATS ST. JOSEPH'S.

Playing on the Civil Service ground on Wednesday last, the Queen's College cricket team defeated a team from St. Joseph's College by an innings and 15 runs.

Batting first, St. Joseph's were all out for 58 runs and Queen's College made 110 runs (A. Hunt 59 not out). In the second innings St. Joseph's were dismissed for 87 runs.

Kowloon C.C. v. H.M.S. Frobisher.

In a match on the Kowloon C.C. ground yesterday, H.M.S. Frobisher defeated the home team by 64 runs. Scores:

H.M.S. Frobisher.

Lt. Garrett, c Bevis, b Browne	67
Ch. E. R. A. Bradley, c Morton, b Bevis	18
Mid. Bone, l.b.w., Ross	12
Sub.-Lt. Perton, b Lyal	20
Lt.-Cdr. Baxter, c and b Smith	17
Pay Lt.-Cdr. Reed, b Smith	37
Pay Cdr. Elstol, b Lyal	17
Pay Lt. Sowman, c and b Ross	1
Pay Lt. Pofford, b Ross	1
Lt. Maitland, not out	7
Mid. Brown, b Lyal	0
Extras	18
Total	215

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyal	13.4	1	52	3
Bevis	5	–	27	1
Morris	8	–	42	–
Ross	9	2	38	3
Brown	6	–	11	1
Smith	4	–	27	2

Kowloon C.C.

Capt. Morris, c Bone, b Reed	8
J. C. Lyal, c Reed, b Garrett	3
A. R. F. Raven, b Garrett	17
Capt. Bevis, b Garrett	5
Rev. Gossedon, b Reed	1
S. B. Spillett, c and b Garrett	4
E. B. Morton, b Reed	1
W. Bruce, not out	33
A. W. Ramsey, run out	12
A. H. Browne, l.b.w., Elstol	1
N. H. Ross, not out	0
Extras	17
Total	151

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	12	2	35	3
Garrett	10	2	37	4
Bradley	4	–	25	–
Brown	2	–	15	–
Baxter	1	–	3	–
Elstol	3	–	23	1

C.S.C.C. v H.M.S. Hermes.

The following will represent the Civil Service C. C. in a friendly match against H. M. S. Hermes on Saturday: B. D. Evans (Capt.), F. J. de Rome, F. Baker, H. F. Harper, F. H. Holdman, R. G. Robertson, F. E. Lawrence, R. S. W. Paterson, A. W. Grimmett, R. R. Davies and T. W. Carr.

I. R. C. 2nd XI. v. Rest.

The following will represent the I. R. C. in the above match to be played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday.—Sirdar Khan (Captain), J. S. Ackber, M. P. Madar, S. A. R. Ismail, V. T. Mans, A. S. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, I. Hassan, A. S. Suffiad, and H. D. Rumjahn.

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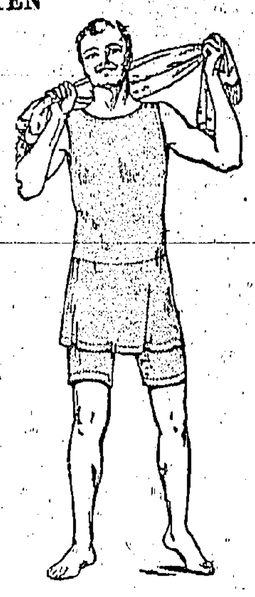

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BRITISH LEGION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HONGKONG BRANCH.

The gradual conclusion of its period of usefulness was forecasted at the annual meeting of the British Legion (Hongkong and China Branch) held last night, but a further endeavour is to be made to create interest in its activities.

The chair was taken by Mr. A. Murdoch, and there were also present: Lt. Col. F. Hayley Bell, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Messrs. W. Brackenbridge, F. C. Hall, C. B. Cornaby, A. Piercy, W. G. Joseph, J. Kershaw, G. Pryce, and H. J. Pearce.

The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the annual report and accounts, deeply deplored the death of Sir Paul Chater, the British Legion's most generous benefactor. Those present would notice that the income from sources other than Sir Paul's Fund was only just in excess of $600, and without it the British Legion would be unable to do anything.

Relief Cases.

During the year under review the number of cases for relief were few, and since the end of the year there had been one only, though that was for rather a large amount. The amount of good they could do was gradually growing smaller, and they were concentrating their efforts on the organisation of Poppy Day and remitting the money Home.

Last year they did far better than any previous year, over £1,500 being sent to Earl Haig's Fund, including $26 from Chefoo. The organisation expenses were a trifle higher owing to reduced support from Home in the way of poppies and advertising posters.

Chinese ladies helped for the first time, and were extraordinarily successful, and a good response was received to appeals sent to leading members of the Chinese and foreign communities.

The chief trouble of the British Legion was the dwindling of its membership, from various causes, and it was almost inevitable that the branch would die out, unless more members were introduced.

Mr. F. C. Hall seconded the adoption of the report and accounts. This was carried.

The Secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks to Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask and the Sub-Committee responsible for the organisation of Poppy Day, and to Mr. A. Ritchie for auditing the accounts.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President.—Lt.-Col. G. K. Hall Brutton.

Chairman.—Mr. A. Murdoch.

Hon. Secretary.—Mr. A. Piercy.

Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. W. Brackenbridge.

Committee.—Col. Hayley Bell, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Messrs. G. W. Sewell, F. C. Hall, J. A. Gordon Leask, Mrs. Bond, Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, and Mr. R. K. Hepburn.

Hon. Auditor.—Mr. A. Ritchie, C. A.

Creating Interest.

Suggestions were invited from the members on a means of creating more interest in the work of the British Legion, and the Rev. Waldegrave suggested that some function might be held which would bring them more together. The only time they met during the year at present was at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day, and he thought that something more visible to the public eye might be done.

Mr. Murdoch explained that there was some difference in the past with the E.A.S.M.A. on the question of entertainment, and it was more or less agreed that the social side should be left to the E.A.S.M.A. Club while the British Legion confined themselves to relief. It was difficult to see how they were to create interest. Col. Hayley Bell: We might start another war (Laughter).

Mr. Hall said that the British Legion in Hongkong had got to die out eventually. They had to go on as best they could. It was no use flogging a dead horse.

MOTOR VESSELS.

NEW SHIPS FOR DODWELL-CASTLE LINE.

Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., inform us that their principals, Messrs. James Chambers and Co., Liverpool, acting for the Lancashire Shipping Co., have placed an order with Messrs. Cammell Laird & Co., Birkenhead, for the construction of 2 new Diesel-engined motor vessels. These vessels will be completed at the end of this year and are to be placed on the Far Eastern run to New York via Suez.

The decision to build faster and better tonnage is the result of the pressing demands made by all shippers in the Far Eastern-New York trade. Before placing this order in the shipbuilders' hands, a very careful study was made, and it was only after consulting all ports for their requirements that the plans for their final construction was decided upon.

Messrs. James Chambers & Co., intend to lay down further tonnage which will complete the service with at least 5 fast new motor vessels.

The vessels in question are, in dimensions, about 440ft. overall, 425ft. between perpendiculars, 56ft. beam, and a litle under 9,000 tons deadweight on about 26ft. 6in. draft. The cubic capacity will be very large, and the speed about 13½ knots on trial, and 12½ knots average loaded port to port.

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CHINA STATION.

LATEST APPOINTMENTS.

Feb. 17.—Lieutenant C. M. Hall to Titania, for service in submarines. (Feb. 14.)

Sub-Lieutenants R. T. Gordon-Duff and G. C. F. Whitaker to Titania, for service in submarines, Feb. 14.

Feb. 19.—Commander E. J. Shelley to Durban. (April 4.)

Feb. 24.—Gunners R. E. J. Fowler to Marazion, and E. Jarrett to Hermes. (March 14).

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OBITUARY.

WORKER FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

A correspondent writes to the *Times*—Mr. A. B. Crichton, a quiet but effective worker for international friendship, especially with the countries of the Far East, died recently at Hammersmith at the age of 73. For over 30 years a member of St. Andrew's English Presbyterian Church, Hammersmith, of which he was an elder and former choirmaster, Mr. Crichton had, particularly since he retired from his horticultural business, devoted himself to work among foreign students in England. He presided at the preliminary meeting out of which grew, in November, 1921, the East and West Committee, in which the Student Christian Movement, the missionary societies, and other bodies, unite for the promotion of the welfare of foreign students while in England. In 1925 he became chairman of this committee. Much of his spare time was given to personal work among these students, more particularly Japanese, a great number of whom came to this country with introductions to him. He entertained them at his own home, helped them to obtain accommodation, and was in all ways their friend. He never grudged the time spent and brought into all his work his business ability, including such details as card indexes so that he could always have full details to his hand. After the war he gave much voluntary service also to the Unemployed Officers' Bureau of the Ministry of Labour. He leaves a widow, but no children.

The Late Mr. D. D. Mackie.

The death of Mr. D. D. Mackie on March 14 at Aberdeen, cabled news of which has been received, removes from the ranks of the old-timers one of the best known and best liked men of his day, says the *Singapore Free Press*. The late Mr. Mackie came out to Singapore in 1884 and, as it was only a few years ago that he retired, he spent not far short of forty years here. He came out as engineer at New Harbour but afterwards joined the Central Engine Works, whilst later he was at different periods consulting engineer for ships and for the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, superintendent engineer for firms like Wee Bin, Tan Kim Tian etc. and had more to do with shipping out here than perhaps any other man of his time. Mr. Mackie was a lifelong teetotaller. He was particularly concerned with riding and horse racing, owning in his time part shares or whole in a number of good performers, including the famous Vanitas. A keen supporter of the Sporting Club for whom he acted as starter he devised for racing a starting machine which was in use before even the Calcutta Turf Club had commenced to use the machine. The deceased who was 79 years of age had retired to Aberdeen.

Mr. John M'Crindle.

The last surviving master of the old Heriot's school passed away last month when the death took place at his residence, Kelton, Braustano Road, Joppa, of Mr. John M'Crindle, F.E.I.S. Mr. M'Crindle was in his 89th year, and in July last celebrated his diamond wedding. Until a few months ago he had enjoyed remarkably vigorous health, and was able to take part in his favourite outdoor pursuits. When he was 79 years of age he accomplished the remarkable feat for a man of his years of climbing Ben Nevis.

Deceased was a native of Crosshill, Ayrshire. He went to Edinburgh about 1864 as an assistant in Robertson Academy, East Preston Street. He was afterwards appointed headmaster at Darvel, Ayrshire. Later he became headmaster of George Heriot's Arthur Street School, which was transferred to Davie Street, and was later taken over by the Edinburgh School Board. As a teacher and headmaster he was very successful, and is still gratefully remembered by the diminishing band of his pupils in all parts of the world. He retired over 20 years ago.

Mr. M'Crindle was much respected in Church work. He was an elder in Bristol U. P. Church, Edinburgh, and later in Regent Street U. F. Church, Portobello, and was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school there.

Mr. M'Crindle is survived by his widow, a daughter of the late Mr. James Doig, St. Patrick Square, Edinburgh, who is in her 82nd year, and by a son and daughter.

Mr. Baddeley, the Minister for Labour, has introduced into Parliament a Child Endowment Bill. It is proposed, at present, to pay in respect of children of employees at the rate of 5s. weekly for each child under 14, provided the family income does not exceed £364 annually, including endowment. Domestic employees are excluded from the benefits of the measure.

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GROWING YANGTSE TENSION.

(*Continued from Page 1.*)

Chamber of Commerce, met the Nationalist General yesterday morning and urged him to control the irregulars and to stop the sniping which had already caused casualties to foreign forces.

The Nationalist Commander, whose attitude was moderate and reasonable, said he assumed responsibility for the maintenance of order and was taking steps for the examination of unauthorised bodies functioning in the name of the Nationalist Government. He hoped the strike would be called off. The British Consul-General had reported that the attitude of irregulars and armed labourers, led by Communist agitators, was still uncertain but order prevailed in the Settlement.—*British Wireless.*

KUOMINTANG SPLIT.

Marshal Chiang Attacked.

According to advices fro a Hankow, the extremist leaders there recently decided "to save the Party from being dominated by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his associate, Chang Ching-kiang" at a secret meeting which was attended by Mr. Hsu Chien; General Tang Sung-chi, Mr. Ku Man-yu (the Kuomintang Chief propagandist) Mr. Tang Yin-tak (Political Director of the Army Headquarters), Liu Wan-tau (Political Director of General Tang Sung-chi), Liu Cho-lung, (Commander of the 15th. Army) and Sun Fo, Wu Yu-chang, Yu Shu-teh, etc. (Commissioners of the Central Kuomintang).

Mr. Hsu Chien declared at the meeting, it is reported, that the revolutionary movement will become a success very soon, but if the Kuomintang leaders are not careful they will repeat the failure of the 1911 Revolution, which was due to the Kuomintang leaders only paying attention to military achievements. Mr. Hsu believed that the Party was in a dangerous position for most of its members only recognised the influence of a certain strong man (Marshal Chiang) and overlooked the interest of the Party. "Thus, after we have overthrown the militarists in the country, soon we shall have new militarists to face."

Mr. Hsu also attacked Mr. Chang Ching-kiang, who was Chairman of the Kuomintang, calling him a follower of feudal ideas. Other Commissioners also delivered speeches on the necessity of supporting the Soviet and the labour and peasant policies.

The Police Department in Canton has ordered the newspapers in the city not to publish articles pertaining to the recent split between the two factions of the Kuomintang. The censors are instructed to carefully watch this kind of news.

KUOMINTANG ORDERS.

A "Citizens' Congress."

Shanghai, March 25.

The Central Executive Committee in Hankow has telegraphed to Shanghai to the effect that the Kuomintang has recognised the Congress of the Shanghai Citizens, which held a mass meeting on Wednesday, as the only legal authority representing the various classes in Shanghai.

The Central Kuomintang has appointed Generals Ho Ying-kam, Lu Tit-ping, Nin Yung-chen, and eight others as Commissioners of the Political Council for the province of Kiangsu.

General Niu Yung-chen, chief of the "Civilian-Dressed" Corps, who has helped a great deal in the recent Nationalist success, and whose forces are being disarmed by the regular Nationalist troops, has tendered his resignation to the Central Kuomintang. General Niu, being an extremist leader, is not very well disposed to Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Ho Ying-kam, commanders of the regular Nationalist forces.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

CLUB FOR REPRESENTATIVES.

PING-PONG AND THINNING EXERCISES.

New York, Sunday.—The United States House of Representatives has decided to emulate in its own way the reputation of the House of Commons as the best club in the world. It proposes to spend £700,000 on the erection of a new office building for its members, to be equipped with Turkish baths, swimming pools, ping-pong and other table games, as well as flesh-reducing and muscle-developing devices.

The consent of the Senate, whose members at present enjoy vastly better office quarters than the members of the Lower House, must, however, be obtained before the new project is put into execu-

PLIGHT OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

HIDING FROM ANTI-FOREIGN MOB.

MISSION HOUSE LOOTED.

Warned just in time to make their escape, two foreign women missionaries, Miss B. Webster and Miss C. Coleston, members of the C.I.M., are now in hiding from the fury of an anti-foreign mob near Kienping in Anhui province, according to a letter received at the mission headquarters in Shanghai last week. The news was scribbled in pencil upon a scrap of paper and gave few details as to how the women were faring.

A letter warning them that they had better make their escape from the town was received by them on the morning of the attack, and this coinciding with advices from Shanghai that their position was precarious, caused them to pack up a few belongings and bedding, and leave their home in a hurry. Agitators were holding anti-foreign meetings in the town, and the two women had a dangerous time reaching their hiding place.

Roused to frenzy by the urgings of the agitators a mob of labourers and coolies marched to the mission building, burst down the doors in search of the women, and looted all that was left in the house, destroying everything which could not be carried away. The whereabouts of the two women is not known in Shanghai, but in their letter they state that they are safe and fairly comfortable.

NAVAL OFFICER CHARGED.

CASE AGAINST LIEUT.-COM. MAYERS.

London, March 24.

Lieut.-Commdr. Colin Mayers, who is charged under the Official Secrets Act was brought up at Bow Street to-day and remanded until April 4th, bail being refused.

Mr. Eustace Fulton, in opening the case for the prosecution, said the defendant had allegedly infringed the Official Secrets Act by retaining in his possession a number of plans relating to submarines X1 and O1 entrusted to him by his chief officer, the Commander of H.M.S. Dolphin. Defendant was Instructional Officer and Senior Submarine Officer at Gosport. He had been Commander of Submarine M2. He retired on January 26th and entered employment with Vickers, of Barrow-in-Furness. Subsequently, a number of plans issued to him were found to be missing.—*Reuter.*

ASSAULT CHARGE.

ALLEGED ATTACK ON OLD WOMAN.

A Chinese was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning for a brutal assault on an old Chinese woman.

Inspector Grant explained that the defendant was seen by Inspector Witchell chasing the woman in question with an iron crowbar. Defendant struck the woman because there was some quarrel between him and the woman who was his step-mother. Defendant wanted his step-mother to lend him money.

The old woman stated that she was the second wife of the defendant's father. Defendant went into her stall and struck her but she could not say why he did so. She mentioned that defendant probably was angry because his father did not support him after marrying.

Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case until 10.30 to-morrow in order to call the defendant's father.

If he's so heavenly looking he's probably no earthly good.

OUR CENTRAL MARKET.

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In connexion with our leading article yesterday on "Our Markets," Mr. J. P. Braga writes to inform us that the Central Market was completed on the 30th April, 1895, and opened on 1st May, thirty-two years ago. Mr. Braga states that, in the *Odds and Ends* bi-monthly illustrated magazine which he started and edited in 1897, there is a full quarto page illustration, in collotype, of the Central Market building. The descriptive matter in the same publication was compiled from the facts and figures contained in the official report of the Director of Public Works for 1895.

We reproduce below the article from *Odds and Ends*. It will be seen that practically no structural alterations of importance have been effected on the market building to bring it up to date of modern requirements in such a structure. This fact gives all the greater weight to Mr. Braga's practical suggestions at the meeting of the Sanitary Board last Tuesday.

The article reads:—The new Market is situated between the Queen's Road and Praya, and occupies a site in a central position in the City of Victoria bounded on the north by Jubilee Street, south by Queen Victoria Street, west by Queen's Road and east by Praya Central. The total area of the site is 51,274 square feet, and that actually occupied by buildings exclusive of approaches and central avenue is 40,000 square feet. The building consists of two blocks each two stories in height, the lower storey having the main entrance from the Praya and the upper from Queen's Road. Side entrances are also provided from Victoria and Jubilee Streets. Between the two blocks is a central avenue 20 feet in width; over this are constructed at each end inspector's quarters. The two blocks are connected by a covered way across the central avenue on each floor. The walls of the building are of red brick with granite stone dressings.

The floors are of concrete finished in cement, the upper one being carried on cast iron columns and wrought iron girders with steel joists and corrugated steel decking, the cast iron work being obtained from Messrs Newton Chambers & Co., Sheffield, and the wrought iron work and steel from the Horsehay Company, Shropshire. The roof is of double pan and roll tiles carried by wrought iron trusses 12 feet apart and of 51 feet span, the purlins being of yacal timber 6" x 3" in section running longitudinally and placed 1'9" apart. The iron work for the roof was obtained from Messrs. Cochrane & Co., Duddley.

The southern block, containing 46 shops, is devoted to the wholesale dealers in fish and vegetables. The shops are 15'6" x 12'0" with the exception of two of the fish shops which are 23'9" x 12'0"; four of those in the fish section being fitted with water tanks with water laid on to meet the requirements of the dealers in live fish. The ground floor of the northern block containing 150 stalls 6'0" x 6'0" is devoted to the dealers in fish, vegetables and pork, each section containing 50 stalls; 20 of the fish stalls are fitted with water tanks. The vegetable stalls are fitted with tiers of receding shelves and the pork stalls with iron rails and hooks.

The upper floor of the southern block contains 46 shops 19'0" x 12'0" x 12'0", 20 of which are devoted to the sale of fruit and 26 to that of beef and mutton, the latter being fitted with iron rails and hooks. The upper floor of the northern block contains 46 shops of the above dimensions, all of which are devoted to the sale of poultry.

As the market is open from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. some means of artificial light was required, and a contract was entered into with the Electric Co. to carry out the necessary installation and supply the current from the mains in Queen's Road and the Praya. The installation consists of 43 incandescent lamps of 50 candle-power each, 37 of 32 candle-power, and 12 of 16 candle-power, making a total of 92 lamps with an aggregate candle-power of 3,526.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was summoned at Hurst, Sussex, recently because two of his dogs, an Airedale and an Irish terrier, had worried sheep in a field near his home at Crowborough. His solicitor expressed Sir Arthur's regret and said every precaution would be taken to prevent any recurrence of the offence. An order was made for the dogs to be kept under proper control.

That the development of British-produced pictures should tend to improve the standard of films is an opinion of the L.C.C. Theatres Committee which they have made known to the Home Secretary.

Entertainments.

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
QUEEN'S
2.30, 5.10, 7.15, & 9.20.
LAURA LA PLANTE
in
HER BIG NIGHT
SPECIAL at 9.20 p.m.
(By Kind Permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and Officers)
FULL MILITARY BAND OF THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS

WORLD
PAULINE STARKE & WALLACE BEERY
in
THE DEVIL'S CARGO

2.30 to 11.15 p.m.
STAR
REGINALD DENNY
in
WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES
JOHN BARRYMORE
in
THE LOTUS EATER

QUEEN'S THEATRE
SUNDAY, MARCH 27th
at 9.30 p.m.
GRAND CONCERT
BY THE
MASSED BANDS
(65 PERFORMERS)
of
1st. BN. THE CAMERONIANS
(By kind Permission of Lt. Col. E.B. Ferrers, D.S.O. and Officers.)
and
1st BN. THE BORDER REGT.
(By kind Permission of Lt. Col G. Hyde Harrison, D.S.O. and Officers)
CLASSIC AND POPULAR PROGRAMME
CONCLUDING WITH
THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO
Conductors: Mr. HORACE G. DOWELL, L.R.A.M.
Mr. C.W. GEARY, A.R.C.M.
Dress Circle $3.00, Stalls $2, Gallery $1.00
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THEATRE ROYAL
April 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, at 9.30 p.m.
Matinee (Children Half-price) Wednesday April 6 at 4.30 p.m.
Booking Plan now at Anderson's
"H.M.S. PINAFORE"
"For a man is but a man, whether he hoists his flag at the main-truck or his slacks on the main-deck."

A record of six centuries was broken when Miss May Evans, B.A., of Ammanford, a student at Aberystwyth University, conducted the great Inter-Collegiate Eisteddfod. Miss Evans had the honour of being the first woman to conduct the Eisteddfod since the festivals were begun in Wales.

After celebrating the fact that he had been left £28,000, William Andrews, a Grimsby fisherman, found himself in the police court charged with drunkenness. "I have had a bit of a misfortune," he told the Bench. "I have lost an uncle and the shock was too much for me." They let him go.